# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

# FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (date of earliest event reported): October 20, 2017 (October 16, 2017)

# **GLOBAL SELF STORAGE, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Maryland

**001-12681** (Commission File Number) 13-3926714 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

11 Hanover Square, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor

New York, NY 10005 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(212) 785-0900

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Emerging growth company  $\Box$ 

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.  $\Box$ 

# Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

#### Equity Incentive Plan

As discussed in Item 5.07 below, at the annual meeting of stockholders of Global Self Storage, Inc. (the ("Company") held on October 16, 2017 (the "2017 Annual Stockholders Meeting"), the Company's stockholders approved the Company's 2017 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2017 Plan"). A description of the material terms of the 2017 Plan, as well as a copy of the 2017 Plan, were included in the Company's definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 15, 2017 (the "Proxy Statement"). The foregoing is qualified in its entirety by reference to the 2017 Plan attached as Exhibit 10.1 hereto, which is incorporated herein by reference.

#### First Amendment to Rights Agreement

On October 20, 2017, the Company entered into the First Amendment (the "Rights Agreement Amendment") to the Rights Agreement, dated as of January 29, 2016, between the Company and American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC.

The Rights Agreement Amendment accelerates the expiration of the Company's preferred share purchase rights (the "Rights") from the Close of Business (as such term is defined in the Rights Agreement) on January 29, 2026 to the Close of Business on October 20, 2017, and the Rights Agreement will terminate at such time. At the time of the termination of the Rights Agreement, all of the Rights distributed to holders of the Company's common stock pursuant to the Rights Agreement will expire.

The foregoing summary of the Rights Agreement Amendment does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Rights Agreement Amendment, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 4.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

# Item 1.02 Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement.

The information set forth under "First Amendment to Rights Agreement" of Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 1.02.

## Item 3.03 Material Modification to Rights of Security Holders.

The information set forth under "First Amendment to Rights Agreement" of Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 3.03.

## Item 5.03 Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Changes in Fiscal Year.

# Articles Supplementary

On October 20, 2017, the Company filed articles supplementary to the Company's charter (the "Articles Supplementary") with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxations (the "SDAT") to elect to no longer be subject to Section 3-803 of the Maryland General Corporation Law ("MGCL").

The foregoing description of the Articles Supplementary does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, the full text of the Articles Supplementary, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 3.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Articles of Amendment and Restatement

The Articles of Amendment and Restatement (the "Amended Charter"), which incorporates the amendments approved by our stockholders at the 2017 Annual Stockholders Meeting, was filed with the SDAT and effective on October 20, 2016. A description of the material terms of the Amended Charter, as well as a copy of the Amended Charter, were included in the Company's Proxy Statement. The foregoing is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Amended Charter attached as Exhibit 3.2 hereto, which is incorporated herein by reference.

# Second Amended and Restated Bylaw

On October 16, 2017, the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board") approved the Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company (the "Second Amended Bylaws"), which became effective October 20, 2017. Among the changes effected by the Second Amended Bylaws are the following:

- revisions to provisions relating to special meetings requested by stockholders, including clarification of the situations in which the secretary of the Company may revoke the notice of a stockholder-requested special meeting or the chairman of the meeting may call the meeting to order and adjourn the meeting without acting on the matter;
- the expansion of the list of powers of the chairman of a stockholders meeting, including determining when and for how long the polls should be opened and when the polls should be closed and complying with any state or local laws and regulations concerning safety and security;
- the addition of a provision clarifying who may vote stock of the Company registered in the name of another entity and that the board of directors may establish a procedure by which a stockholder may certify in writing that any shares of stock registered in the stockholder's name are held for the account of a specified person other than the stockholder;
- the requirement that a stockholder submitting a business proposal or director nomination provide advance notice of the proposal or nomination not earlier than the 150th day and not later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the 120th day prior to the first anniversary of the date of the preceding year's proxy statement (as opposed to 90 to 120 days prior to the first anniversary of the date of mailing of the notice for the previous year's annual meeting);
- the expansion of information required to be provided by stockholders submitting business proposals or director nominations, including disclosure of the stockholder's hedging or similar transactions or agreements and the stockholder's investment strategy or objective, and the inclusion of procedures for the verification and update of information provided by the

stockholder submitting the business proposal or director nomination;

- the requirement that a stockholder must appear in person or by proxy at a meeting in order for a business proposal or director nomination from the stockholder to be considered;
- the Company's election that the Maryland Control Share Acquisition Act will not apply to any acquisition by any person of shares of stock of the Company;
- the clarification that the board of directors may authorize the Company to issue fractional shares of stock;
- the deletion of the requirement that the board of directors consist of at least three directors as opposed to the minimum number required by Maryland law, which is one;
- the clarification that, consistent with the Company's election to be subject to Section 3-804(c) of the Maryland General Corporation Law, vacancies on the board of directors may be filled only by a majority of the remaining directors, even if the remaining directors do not constitute a quorum, and any director elected to fill a vacancy will serve for the remainder of the full term of the directorship in which the vacancy occurred and until a successor is elected and qualifies;
- the addition of a provision clarifying that directors and officers may rely on information prepared or presented by others whom the director or officer reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented;
- the addition of a provision that authorizes the board of directors or stockholders to ratify any action or inaction by the Company or its officers to the extent that the board of directors or stockholders could have originally authorized the matter;
- the addition of a provision to address meeting, notice and quorum requirements of meetings of the board of directors in emergency situations; and
- the addition of a forum selection provision generally requiring that the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Maryland or, if that court does not have jurisdiction, the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, Baltimore Division, be the sole and exclusive forum for (a) any derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf of the Company, (b) any action asserting a claim of breach of any duty owed by any director or officer or other employee to the Company or the stockholders, (c) any action asserting a claim against the Company or any director or officer or other employee arising pursuant to any provision of the MGCL or the Company's charter or bylaws, or (d) any action asserting a claim against the Company or any director or officer or other employee that is governed by the internal affairs doctrine.

In addition, the Second Amended Bylaws provide for a number of other minor clarifications and modifications, including updates in response to changes in Maryland corporate law.

The above description of the Second Amended Bylaws contained in this Item 5.03 does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, the full text of the Second Amended Bylaws, which is filed as Exhibit 3.3 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference into this Item 5.03.

#### Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

At the 2017 Annual Stockholders Meeting, stockholders holding 7,050,406 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 (the "Common Stock") (being the only class of shares entitled to vote at the meeting), or 92.53%, of the Company's 7,619,469 outstanding shares of Common Stock as of the record date for the meeting, attended the meeting or were represented by proxy. The Company's stockholders voted on seven matters presented at the meeting, each of which is discussed in more detail in the Company's Proxy Statement. In accordance with the Company's board of directors' recommendations, Proposals 1 - 6 received the requisite number of votes to pass and Every Three Years for Proposal 7 was approved. The matters submitted for a vote and the related results of the stockholders' votes were as follows:

#### Proposal 1: Election of Directors

Election of William C. Zachary as a Class I director to serve until the 2020 Annual Stockholder Meeting.

| For                                  |                   | Withheld | Broker Non-Vote    |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|--------------------|
| 4,563,781                            |                   | 272,046  | 2,214,579          |
| Proposal 2: Equity Incentive Plan    |                   |          |                    |
| Approval to adopt the Company's 20   | 17 Plan.          |          |                    |
| For                                  | Against           | Absta    | in Broker Non-Vote |
| 4,239,097                            | 430,232           | 166,49   | 97 2,214,580       |
| Proposal 3: Amended and Restated     | <u>Charter</u>    |          |                    |
| Approval to amend and restate the Co | ompany's charter. |          |                    |
| For                                  | Against           | Absta    | in Broker Non-Vote |
| 4,420,510                            | 296,721           | 118,59   | 93 2,214,582       |

Proposal 4: Increase in Number of Authorized Shares

Approval of an increase to the number of authorized shares of the Company's Common Stock in the event that Proposal 3 is not approved.

| For       | Against   | Abstain | Broker Non-Vote |
|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------------|
| 4,565,361 | 2,306,953 | 178,088 | N/A             |

# Proposal 5: Ratification of Accounting Firm

Ratify the appointment of Tait, Weller & Baker LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017.

| For       | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Vote |
|-----------|---------|---------|-----------------|
| 6,708,320 | 150,278 | 191,808 | N/A             |

Proposal 6: Non-Binding Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation

Approval on an advisory basis, the Company's executive compensation.

| For       | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Vote |
|-----------|---------|---------|-----------------|
| 4,341,379 | 295,410 | 199,035 | 2,214,582       |

# Proposal 7: Non-Binding Advisory Vote on the Frequency of Future Non-Binding Advisory Votes on Executive Compensation

Approval on an advisory basis, whether executive compensation should be submitted to stockholders for an advisory vote every one, two or three years.

| 1 Year    | 2 Years | 3 Years   | Abstain | Broker Non-Vote |
|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------------|
| 2,102,139 | 81,377  | 2,522,447 | 129,858 | 2,214,585       |

# Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits See Exhibit Index below.

# EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Description   |
|-------------|---|
| 3.1         | Articles Supplementary of Global Self Storage, Inc.   |
| 3.2         | Articles of Amendment and Restatement of Global Self Storage, Inc.  |
| 3.3         | Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of Global Self Storage, Inc.   |
| 4.1         | First Amendment, dated October 20, 2017, to Rights Agreement, dated as of January 29, 2016, between Global Self |
| 10.1        | Storage, Inc. and American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC  |
|             | Global Self Storage, Inc. 2017 Equity Incentive Plan  |

# SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

# GLOBAL SELF STORAGE, INC.

By: /s/ Mark C. Winmill

Name: Mark C. Winmill Title: President

Date: October 20, 2017

### **GLOBAL SELF STORAGE, INC.**

# ARTICLES SUPPLEMENTARY

Global Self Storage, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Corporation"), hereby certifies to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland (the "SDAT") that:

<u>FIRST</u>: Pursuant to Section 3-802(b)(3) of the Maryland General Corporation Law (the "MGCL"), the Corporation, by a resolution of its Board of Directors (the "Board ") duly adopted by unanimous written consent, elected to no longer be subject to Section 3-803 of the MGCL.

SECOND: The Corporation's election to no longer be subject to Section 3-803 of the MGCL has been approved by the Board in the manner and by the vote required by law.

<u>THIRD</u>: The undersigned acknowledges these Articles Supplementary to be the corporate act of the Corporation and, as to all matters or facts required to be verified under oath, the undersigned acknowledges that, to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, these matters and facts are true in all material respects and that this statement is made under the penalties for perjury.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Corporation has caused these Articles Supplementary to be executed under seal in its name and on its behalf by its Chief Executive Officer and attested to by its Secretary on this 20th day of October, 2017.

# ATTEST:

/s/ Donald Klimoski II

Name: Donald Klimoski II Title: Secretary GLOBAL SELF STORAGE, INC.

/s/ Mark C. Winmill

Name: Mark C. Winmill Title: Chief Executive Officer (SEAL)

#### **GLOBAL SELF STORAGE, INC.**

#### ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT

<u>FIRST</u>: Global Self Storage, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Corporation"), desires to amend and restate its charter as currently in effect and as hereinafter amended.

SECOND: The following provisions are all the provisions of the charter currently in effect and as hereinafter amended:

#### ARTICLE I INCORPORATOR

Thomas B. Winmill, whose address is 11 Hanover Square, New York, NY 10005, being at least 18 years of age, formed a corporation under the general laws of the State of Maryland on December 12, 1996.

#### ARTICLE II

NAME

The name of the corporation (the "Corporation") is:

Global Self Storage, Inc. ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are to engage in any lawful act or activity (including, without limitation or obligation, engaging in business as a real estate investment trust under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any successor statute (the "Code")) and exercise and enjoy all of the general powers, rights, and privileges for which corporations may be organized under the general laws of the State of Maryland as now or hereafter in force. For purposes of the charter of the Corporation (the "Charter"), "REIT" means a real estate investment trust under Sections 856 through 860 of the Code or any successor provision.

#### ARTICLE IV

# PRINCIPAL OFFICE IN STATE AND RESIDENT AGENT

The address of the principal office of the Corporation in the State of Maryland is c/o InCorp Services, Inc., 1519 York Road, Lutherville, MD 21093. The name of the resident agent of the Corporation in the State of Maryland is InCorp Services, Inc., whose post office address is 1519 York Road, Lutherville, MD 21093. The resident agent is a Maryland corporation.

## ARTICLE V

#### PROVISIONS FOR DEFINING, LIMITING AND REGULATING CERTAIN POWERS OF THE CORPORATION AND OF THE STOCKHOLDERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 5.1 <u>Number of Directors</u>. The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of the Board of Directors. The number of directors of the Corporation is five (5), which number may be increased or decreased only by the Board of Directors pursuant to the Bylaws of the Corporation (the "Bylaws"), but shall never be less than the minimum number required by the Maryland General Corporation Law (the "MGCL"). The names of the directors who are currently in office are:

Russell E. Burke III George B. Langa Mark C. Winmill Thomas B. Winmill William C. Zachary

Any vacancy on the Board of Directors may be filled in the manner provided in the Bylaws.

Section 5.2 <u>Extraordinary Actions</u>. Except as specifically provided in the Bylaws and Section 5.8 (relating to removal of directors) and the last sentence of Article VIII of the Charter, notwithstanding any provision of law permitting or requiring any action to be taken or approved by the affirmative vote of stockholders entitled to cast a greater number of votes, any such action shall be effective and valid if declared advisable by the Board of Directors and taken or approved by the affirmative vote of stockholders entitled to cast a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast on the matter.

Section 5.3 <u>Authorization by Board of Stock Issuance</u>. The Board of Directors may authorize the issuance from time to time of shares of stock of the Corporation of any class or series, whether now or hereafter authorized, or securities or rights convertible into shares of its stock of any class or series, whether now or hereafter authorized, for such consideration as the Board of Directors may deem advisable (or without consideration in the case of a stock split or stock dividend), subject to such restrictions or limitations, if any, as may be set forth in the Charter or the Bylaws.

Section 5.4 <u>Preemptive and Appraisal Rights</u>. Except as may be provided by the Board of Directors in setting the terms of classified or reclassified shares of stock pursuant to Section 6.4 or as may otherwise be provided by a contract approved by the Board of Directors, no holder of shares of stock of the Corporation shall, as such holder, have any preemptive or preferential right to purchase or subscribe for any additional shares of stock of the Corporation or any other security of the Corporation which it may issue or sell. Holders of shares of stock shall not be entitled to exercise any rights of an objecting stockholder provided for under Title 3, Subtitle 2 of the MGCL or any successor statute unless the Board of Directors, upon such terms and conditions as may be specified by the Board of Directors, determines that such rights apply, with respect to all or any shares of all or any classes or series of stock, to one or more transactions occurring after the date of such determination in connection with which holders of such shares would otherwise be entitled to exercise such

Section 5.5 Indemnification. To the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law in effect from time to time, the Corporation shall indemnify and, without requiring a preliminary determination of the ultimate entitlement to indemnification, shall pay or reimburse reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding to (a) any individual who is a present or former director or officer of the Corporation and who is made or threatened to be made a party to, or witness in, the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity or (b) any individual who, while a director or officer of the Corporation and at the request of the Corporation, serves or has served as a director, officer, trustee, member, manager or partner of another corporation, real estate investment trust, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise and who is made or threatened to be made a party to, or witness in, the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity. The rights to indemnification and advance of expenses provided herein shall vest immediately upon election of a director or officer. The Corporation may, with the approval of its Board of Directors, provide such indemnification and advance for expenses to an individual who served a predecessor of the Corporation. The indemnification and payment or reimbursement of expenses provided herein shall not be deemed exclusive of or limit in any way other rights to which any person seeking indemnification or payment or reimbursement of expenses may be or may become entitled under any bylaw, resolution, insurance, agreement or otherwise.

Neither the amendment nor repeal of this Section 5.5, nor the adoption or amendment of any other provision of the Charter or Bylaws inconsistent with this Section 5.5, shall apply to or affect in any respect the applicability of the preceding paragraph with respect to any act or failure to act which occurred prior to such amendment, repeal or adoption.

Section 5.6 Determinations by Board. The determination as to any of the following matters, made by or pursuant to the direction of the Board of Directors, shall be final and conclusive and shall be binding upon the Corporation and every holder of shares of its stock: the amount of the net income of the Corporation for any period and the amount of assets at any time legally available for the payment of dividends, acquisition of its stock, or the payment of other distributions on its stock; the amount of paid-in surplus, net assets, other surplus, cash flow, net operating income, funds from operations, adjusted funds from operations, net profit, net assets in excess of capital, undivided profits, or excess of profits over losses on sales of assets; the amount, purpose, time of creation, increase or decrease, alteration or cancellation of any reserves or charges, and the propriety thereof (whether or not any obligation or liability for which such reserves or charges shall have been created shall have been set aside, paid or discharged); any interpretation or resolution of any ambiguity with respect to any provision of the Charter (including any of the terms, preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers or rights, restrictions, limitations as to dividends or other distributions, qualifications or terms or conditions of redemption of any shares of any class or series of stock of the Corporation) or of the Bylaws; the number of shares of stock of any class or series that the Corporation has authority to issue; the fair value, or any sale, bid or asked price to be applied in determining the fair value, of any asset owned or held by the Corporation or of any shares of stock of the Corporation; any matter relating to the acquisition, holding, and/or disposition of any assets by the Corporation; any interpretation of the terms and conditions of one or more agreements with any person, corporation, association, company, trust, partnership (limited or general), or other entity; the compensation of directors, officers, employees, or agents of the Corporation; or any other matter relating to the business and affairs of the Corporation or required or permitted by applicable law, the Charter, or Bylaws or otherwise to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 5.7 <u>REIT Qualification</u>. The Corporation has elected to qualify for federal income tax treatment as a REIT beginning with its taxable year ended December 31, 2013 and, accordingly, the Board of Directors shall use its reasonable best efforts to take such actions as are necessary or appropriate to preserve the status of the Corporation as a REIT; however, if the Board of Directors determines that it is no longer in the best interests of the Corporation to attempt to, or continue to, qualify as a REIT, the Board of Directors may revoke or otherwise terminate the Corporation's REIT election pursuant to Section 856(g) of the Code. The Board of Directors, in its sole and absolute discretion, also may (a) determine that compliance with any restriction or limitation on stock ownership and transfers set forth in Article VII is no longer required for REIT qualification and (b) make any other determination or take any other action pursuant to Article VII.

Section 5.8 <u>Removal of Directors</u>. Subject to the rights of holders of shares of one or more classes or series of Preferred Stock (as defined herein) to elect or remove one or more directors, any director, or the entire Board of Directors, may be removed from office at any time, but only for cause and then only by the affirmative vote of stockholders entitled to cast at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast generally in the election of directors. For the purpose of this paragraph, "cause" shall mean, with respect to any particular director, conviction of a felony or a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction holding that such director caused demonstrable, material harm to the Corporation through bad faith or active and deliberate dishonesty.

Section 5.9 <u>Corporate Opportunities</u>. The Corporation shall have the power, by resolution of the Board of Directors, to renounce any interest or expectancy of the Corporation in, or in being offered an opportunity to participate in, business opportunities or classes or categories of business opportunities that are presented to the Corporation, developed by or presented to one or more directors, officers, employees, or agents of the Corporation.

A Dual Role Person (as defined herein) shall not be required to communicate or offer to the Corporation or any of its Affiliated Companies (as defined herein) any Dual Opportunity (as defined herein) that such Dual Role Person has communicated or offered to an Affiliated Company and shall not be prohibited from communicating or offering any Dual Opportunity to such Affiliated Company, and the Corporation renounces any interest or expectancy of the Corporation in, or in being offered an opportunity to participate in, any such Dual Opportunity, so long as (x) the Dual Opportunity does not become known to the Dual Role Person solely by way of his or her capacity as a director or officer of the Corporation, and (y) the Dual Opportunity is not presented by the Dual Role Person to any party other than such Affiliated Company and the Dual Role Person does not pursue the Dual Opportunity individually.

In addition to and notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 5.9, the Corporation renounces any interest or expectancy of the Corporation in, or in being offered an opportunity to participate in, any business opportunity that the Corporation is not financially able or contractually permitted or legally able to undertake. Moreover, nothing in this Section 5.9 shall amend or modify in any respect any written contractual agreement between an Affiliated Company on the one hand and the Corporation or any of its other Affiliated Companies on the other hand.

#### For purposes of this Section 5.9:

"Affiliated Company" means with respect to the Corporation, any Person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by or under common control with such Person. For purposes of the foregoing definition, the term "controls," "is controlled by," or "is under

common control with" means the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise.

"Dual Opportunity" means any potential transaction or matter which may be a business opportunity for an Affiliated Company, on the one hand, and the Corporation or any of its other Affiliated Companies, on the other hand.

"Dual Role Person" means any individual who is an officer or director of both the Corporation and an Affiliated Company.

"Person" means an individual, a partnership, a corporation, a limited liability company, an association, a joint stock company, a trust, a joint venture, an unincorporated organization, or a governmental entity or any department, agency, or political subdivision thereof.

The provisions of this Section 5.9 (other than the first paragraph) shall have no further force or effect at such time as none of the directors and/or officers of the Affiliated Companies serve as directors and/or officers of the Corporation and its other Affiliated Companies; provided, however, that any such termination shall not terminate the effect of such provisions with respect to any agreement, arrangement or other understanding between the Corporation or an Affiliated Company thereof on the one hand, and another Affiliated Company, on the other hand, that was entered into before such time or any transaction entered into in the performance of such agreement, arrangement or other understanding, whether entered into before or after such time.

Any person or entity purchasing or otherwise acquiring or obtaining any interest in any stock of the Corporation shall be deemed to have notice and to have consented to the provisions of this Section 5.9.

The invalidity or unenforceability of any particular provision, or part of any provision, of this Section 5.9 shall not affect the other provisions or parts hereof, and this Section 5.9 shall be construed in all respects as if such invalid or unenforceable provisions or parts were omitted.

# ARTICLE VI

#### STOCK

Section 6.1 <u>Authorized Shares</u>. The Corporation has authority to issue five hundred million (500,000,000) shares of stock, consisting of 450,000,000 shares of Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share ("Common Stock"), and 50,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock, \$0.01 par value per share ("Preferred Stock"). The aggregate par value of all authorized shares of stock having par value is \$5,000,000. If shares of one class of stock are classified or reclassified into shares of another class of stock pursuant to Section 6.2, 6.3, or 6.4 of this Article VI, the number of authorized shares of the former class shall be automatically decreased and the number of shares of the latter class shall be automatically increased, in each case by the number of shares so classified or reclassified, so that the aggregate number of shares of stock of all classes that the Corporation has authority to issue shall not be more than the total number of shares of stock set forth in the first sentence of this paragraph. The Board of Directors, with the approval of a majority of the entire Board and without any action by the stockholders of the Corporation, may amend the Charter from time to time to increase or decrease the aggregate number of shares of stock or the number of shares of stock of any class or series that the Corporation has authority to issue.

Section 6.2 <u>Common Stock</u>. Subject to the provisions of Article VII and except as may otherwise be specified in the Charter, each share of Common Stock shall entitle the holder thereof to one vote. The Board of Directors may reclassify any unissued shares of Common Stock from time to time into one or more classes or series of stock.

Section 6.3 <u>Preferred Stock</u>. The Board of Directors may classify any unissued shares of Preferred Stock and reclassify any previously classified but unissued shares of Preferred Stock of any class or series from time to time, into one or more classes or series of stock.

Section 6.4 <u>Classified or Reclassified Shares</u>. Prior to the issuance of classified or reclassified shares of any class or series of stock, the Board of Directors by resolution shall: (a) designate that class or series to distinguish it from all other classes and series of stock of the Corporation; (b) specify the number of shares to be included in the class or series; (c) set or change, subject to the provisions of Article VII and subject to the express terms of any class or series of stock of the Corporation at the time, the preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends or other distributions, qualifications and terms and conditions of redemption for each class or series; and (d) cause the Corporation to file articles supplementary with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland (the "SDAT"). Any of the terms of any class or series of stock set or changed pursuant to clause (c) of this Section 6.4 may be made dependent upon facts or events ascertainable outside the Charter (including determinations by the Board of Directors or other facts or events within the control of the Corporation) and may vary among holders thereof, provided that the manner in which such facts, events, or variations shall operate upon the terms of such class or series of stock is clearly and expressly set forth in the articles supplementary or other Charter document.

Section 6.5 <u>Action by Stockholders</u>. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the holders of Common Stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors may be taken without a meeting by consent, in writing or by electronic transmission, in any manner and by any vote permitted by the MGCL and set forth in the Bylaws.

Section 6.6 <u>Charter and Bylaws</u>. The rights of all stockholders and the terms of all stock of the Corporation are subject to the provisions of the Charter and the Bylaws. Except as specifically provided in the Bylaws, the Board of Directors shall have the exclusive power to adopt, alter, or repeal any provision of the Bylaws. In the event that the power to adopt, alter, or repeal the Bylaws is concurrently vested in the stockholders, the Board of Directors, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall determine the manner and the vote, including any supermajority vote, by which the stockholders may adopt, alter, or repeal the Bylaws.

## ARTICLE VII

# **RESTRICTION ON TRANSFER AND OWNERSHIP OF SHARES**

Section 7.1 <u>Definitions</u>. For the purpose of this Article VII, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

<u>Aggregate Stock Ownership Limit</u>. The term "Aggregate Stock Ownership Limit" shall mean 9.8% (in value or number of shares, whichever is more restrictive) of the aggregate of the outstanding shares of Capital Stock, or such other percentage determined by the Board of Directors in accordance with Section 7.2.8 of the Charter.

Beneficial Ownership. The term "Beneficial Ownership" shall mean ownership of Capital Stock by a Person, whether the

interest in the shares of Capital Stock is held directly or indirectly (including by a nominee), and shall include interests that would be treated as owned through the application of Section 544 of the Code, as modified by Section 856(h)(1)(B) of the Code. The terms "Beneficial Owner," "Beneficially Owns" and "Beneficially Owned" shall have the correlative meanings.

<u>Business Day</u>. The term "Business Day" shall mean any day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, that is neither a legal holiday nor a day on which banking institutions in New York City are authorized or required by law, regulation, or executive order to close.

Capital Stock. The term "Capital Stock" shall mean all classes or series of stock of the Corporation, including, without limitation, Common Stock and Preferred Stock.

<u>Charitable Beneficiary</u>. The term "Charitable Beneficiary" shall mean one or more beneficiaries of the Trust as determined pursuant to Section 7.3.6, provided that each such organization must be described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code and contributions to each such organization must be eligible for deduction under each of Sections 170(b)(1)(A), 2055 and 2522 of the Code.

<u>Common Stock Ownership Limit</u>. The term "Common Stock Ownership Limit" shall mean 9.8% (in value or in number of shares, whichever is more restrictive) of the aggregate of the outstanding shares of Common Stock, or such other percentage determined by the Board of Directors in accordance with Section 7.2.8 of the Charter.

<u>Constructive Ownership</u>. The term "Constructive Ownership" shall mean ownership of Capital Stock by a Person, whether the interest in the shares of Capital Stock is held directly or indirectly (including by a nominee), and shall include interests that would be treated as owned through the application of Section 318(a) of the Code, as modified by Section 856(d)(5) of the Code. The terms "Constructive Owner," "Constructively Owns" and "Constructively Owned" shall have the correlative meanings.

Excepted Holder. The term "Excepted Holder" shall mean a stockholder of the Corporation for whom an Excepted Holder Limit is created by the Board of Directors pursuant to Section 7.2.7.

Excepted Holder Limit. The term "Excepted Holder Limit" shall mean, provided that the affected Excepted Holder agrees to comply with the requirements established by the Board of Directors pursuant to Section 7.2.7 and subject to adjustment pursuant to Section 7.2.8 (unless otherwise provided by the terms and conditions of the agreements and undertakings entered into between such Excepted Holder and the Corporation in connection with the establishment of the Excepted Holder Limit for such Excepted Holder), the percentage limit established by the Board of Directors pursuant to Section 7.2.7.

## Initial Date. The term "Initial Date" shall mean October 20, 2017.

Market Price. The term "Market Price" on any date shall mean, with respect to any class or series of outstanding shares of Capital Stock, the Closing Price for such Capital Stock on such date. The "Closing Price" on any date shall mean the last sale price for such Capital Stock, regular way, or, in case no such sale takes place on such day, the average of the closing bid and asked prices, regular way, for such Capital Stock, in either case as reported in the principal consolidated transaction reporting system with respect to securities listed or admitted to trading on the NASDAQ or, if such Capital Stock is not listed or admitted to trading on the NASDAQ, as reported on the principal consolidated transaction reporting system with respect to securities listed or admitted to trading on any national securities exchange on which such Capital Stock is listed or admitted to trading or, if such Capital Stock is not listed or admitted to trading on any national securities exchange, the last quoted price, or, if not so quoted, the average of the high bid and low asked prices in the over-the-counter market, as reported by the principal automated quotation system that may then be in use or, if such Capital Stock is not Quoted by any such system, the average of the closing bid and asked prices as furnished by a professional market maker making a market in such Capital Stock selected by the Board of Directors or, in the event that no trading price is available for such Capital Stock, the fair market value of the Capital Stock, as determined by the Board of Directors.

NASDAQ. The term "NASDAQ" shall mean the Nasdaq Capital Market.

<u>Person</u>. The term "Person" shall mean an individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, estate, trust (including a trust qualified under Sections 401(a) or 501(c)(17) of the Code), a portion of a trust permanently set aside for or to be used exclusively for the purposes described in Section 642(c) of the Code, association, private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a) of the Code, joint stock company or other entity and also includes a group as that term is used for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and a group to which an Excepted Holder Limit applies.

<u>Prohibited Owner</u>. The term "Prohibited Owner" shall mean, with respect to any purported Transfer, any Person who, but for the provisions of this Article VII, would Beneficially Own or Constructively Own shares of Capital Stock in violation of Section 7.2.1, and, if appropriate in the context, shall also mean any Person who would have been the record owner of the shares that the Prohibited Owner would have so owned.

<u>Restriction Termination Date</u>. The term "Restriction Termination Date" shall mean the first day after the Initial Date on which the Board of Directors determines pursuant to Section 5.7 of the Charter that it is no longer in the best interests of the Corporation to attempt to, or continue to, qualify as a REIT or that compliance with the restrictions and limitations on Beneficial Ownership, Constructive Ownership, and Transfers of shares of Capital Stock set forth herein is no longer required in order for the Corporation to qualify as a REIT.

<u>Transfer</u>. The term "Transfer" shall mean any issuance, sale, transfer, gift, assignment, devise, or other disposition, as well as any other event that causes any Person to acquire Beneficial Ownership or Constructive Ownership of Capital Stock or the right to vote or receive dividends on Capital Stock, or any agreement to take any such action or cause any such event, including (a) the granting or exercise of any option (or any disposition of any option), (b) any disposition of any securities or rights convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for Capital Stock or any interest in Capital Stock or any exercise of any such conversion or exchange right, and (c) Transfers of interests in other entities that result in changes in Beneficial Ownership or Constructive Ownership of Capital Stock; in each case, whether voluntary or involuntary, whether owned of record, Constructively Owned, or Beneficially Owned and whether by operation of law or otherwise. The terms "Transferring" and "Transferred" shall have the correlative meanings.

Trust. The term "Trust" shall mean any trust provided for in Section 7.3.1.

<u>Trustee</u>. The term "Trustee" shall mean the Person unaffiliated with the Corporation and a Prohibited Owner that is appointed by the Corporation to serve as trustee of the Trust.

Section 7.2 Capital Stock.

Section 7.2.1 Ownership Limitations. During the period commencing on the Initial Date and prior to the

Restriction Termination Date, but subject to Section 7.4:

(a)

Basic Restrictions.

(i) (1) No Person, other than an Excepted Holder, shall Beneficially Own or Constructively Own shares of Capital Stock in excess of the Aggregate Stock Ownership Limit, (2) no Person, other than an Excepted Holder, shall Beneficially Own or Constructively Own shares of Common Stock in excess of the Common Stock Ownership Limit, and (3) no Excepted Holder shall Beneficially Own or Constructively Own shares of Capital Stock in excess of the Excepted Holder Limit for such Excepted Holder.

(ii) No Person shall Beneficially Own or Constructively Own shares of Capital Stock to the extent that such Beneficial Ownership or Constructive Ownership of Capital Stock would result in the Corporation being "closely held" within the meaning of Section 856(h) of the Code (without regard to whether the ownership interest is held during the last half of a taxable year), or otherwise failing to qualify as a REIT (including, without limitation, Beneficial Ownership or Constructive Ownership that would result in the Corporation owning (actually or Constructively) an interest in a tenant that is described in Section 856(d)(2)(B) of the Code if the income derived by the Corporation from such tenant would cause the Corporation to fail to satisfy any of the gross income requirements of Section 856(c) of the Code).

(iii) Any Transfer of shares of Capital Stock that, if effective, would result in the Capital Stock being beneficially owned by less than 100 Persons (determined under the principles of Section 856(a)(5) of the Code) shall be void <u>ab initio</u>, and the intended transferee shall acquire no rights in such shares of Capital Stock.

(b) <u>Transfer in Trust</u>. If any Transfer of shares of Capital Stock occurs which, if effective, would result in any Person Beneficially Owning or Constructively Owning shares of Capital Stock in violation of Section 7.2.1(a)(i) or (ii),

(i) then that number of shares of Capital Stock the Beneficial Ownership or Constructive Ownership of which otherwise would cause such Person to violate Section 7.2.1(a)(i) or (ii) (rounded up to the nearest whole share) shall be automatically transferred to a Trust for the benefit of a Charitable Beneficiary, as described in Section 7.3, effective as of the close of business on the Business Day prior to the date of such Transfer, and such Person shall acquire no rights in such shares; or

(ii) if the transfer to the Trust described in clause (i) of this sentence would not be effective for any reason to prevent the violation of Section 7.2.1(a)(i) or (ii), then the Transfer of that number of shares of Capital Stock that otherwise would cause any Person to violate Section 7.2.1(a)(i) or (ii) shall be void <u>ab initio</u>, and the intended transferee shall acquire no rights in such shares of Capital Stock.

To the extent that, upon a transfer of shares of Capital Stock pursuant to this Section 7.2.1(b), a violation of any provision of this Article VII would nonetheless be continuing (for example, where the ownership of shares of Capital Stock by a single Trust would violate the 100 stockholder requirement applicable to REITs), then shares of Capital Stock shall be transferred to that number of Trusts, each having a distinct Trustee and a Charitable Beneficiary or Charitable Beneficiaries that are distinct from those of each other Trust, such that there is no violation of any provision of this Article VII.

Section 7.2.2 <u>Remedies for Breach</u>. If the Board of Directors shall at any time determine that a Transfer or other event has taken place that results in a violation of Section 7.2.1 or that a Person intends to acquire or has attempted to acquire Beneficial Ownership or Constructive Ownership of any shares of Capital Stock in violation of Section 7.2.1 (whether or not such violation is intended), the Board of Directors shall take such action as it deems advisable to refuse to give effect to or to prevent such Transfer or other event, including, without limitation, causing the Corporation to redeem shares, refusing to give effect to such Transfer or attempted Transfer or other event in violation of Section 7.2.1 shall automatically result in the transfer to the Trust described above, and, where applicable, such Transfer (or other event) shall be void <u>ab initio</u> as provided above irrespective of any action (or non-action) by the Board of Directors.

Section 7.2.3 <u>Notice of Restricted Transfer</u>. Any Person who acquires or attempts or intends to acquire Beneficial Ownership or Constructive Ownership of shares of Capital Stock that will or may violate Section 7.2.1(a) or any Person who would have owned shares of Capital Stock that resulted in a transfer to the Trust pursuant to the provisions of Section 7.2.1(b) shall immediately give written notice to the Corporation of such event or, in the case of such a proposed or attempted transaction, give at least 15 days prior written notice, and shall provide to the Corporation such other information as the Corporation may request in order to determine the effect, if any, of such Transfer on the Corporation's status as a REIT.

Section 7.2.4 <u>Owners Required To Provide Information</u>. From the Initial Date and prior to the Restriction

Termination Date:

(a) every owner of five percent or more (or such lower percentage as required by the Code or the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder) of the outstanding shares of Capital Stock at any time during a taxable year of the Company, within 30 days after the end of such taxable year, shall give written notice to the Corporation stating the name and address of such owner, the number of shares of Capital Stock Beneficially Owned or Constructively Owned and a description of the manner in which such shares are held. Each such owner shall provide to the Corporation such additional information as the Corporation may request in order to determine the effect, if any, of such Beneficial Ownership or Constructive Ownership on the Corporation's status as a REIT and to ensure compliance with the Aggregate Stock Ownership Limit and the Common Stock Ownership Limit; and

(b) each Person who is a Beneficial Owner or Constructive Owner of Capital Stock and each Person (including the stockholder of record) who is holding Capital Stock for a Beneficial Owner or Constructive Owner shall promptly provide to the Corporation such information as the Corporation may request, in order to determine the Corporation's status as a REIT and to comply with the requirements of any taxing authority or governmental authority or to determine such compliance.

Section 7.2.5 <u>Remedies Not Limited</u>. Subject to Section 5.7 of the Charter, nothing contained in this Section 7.2 shall limit the authority of the Board of Directors to take such other action as it deems necessary or advisable to protect the Corporation in preserving the Corporation's status as a REIT.

Section 7.2.6 <u>Ambiguity</u>. In the case of any ambiguity in the application of any of the provisions of this Article VII, the Board of Directors may determine the application of the provisions of this Article VII with respect to any situation based on the facts known to it. In the event this Article VII requires an action by the Board of Directors and the Charter fails to provide specific guidance with respect to such action, the Board of Directors may determine the action to be taken so long as such action is not unambiguously contrary to the provisions of this Article VII. Absent a decision to the contrary by the Board of Directors, if a Person would have (but for the remedies set forth in Section 7.2.2) acquired Beneficial Ownership or Constructive Ownership of Capital Stock in violation of this Article VII, such remedies (as applicable) shall apply first to the shares of Capital Stock which, but for such remedies,

would have been Beneficially Owned or Constructively Owned (but not actually owned) by such Person, pro rata among the Persons who actually own such shares of Capital Stock based upon the relative number of the shares of Capital Stock held by each such Person.

#### Section 7.2.7 Exceptions.

(a) Subject to Section 7.2.1(a)(ii), the Board of Directors, may exempt (prospectively or retroactively) a Person from the Aggregate Stock Ownership Limit and the Common Stock Ownership Limit, and the provisions of Section 7.2.8, as the case may be, and may establish or increase an Excepted Holder Limit for such Person if:

(i) the Board of Directors obtains such representations and undertakings from such Person as are reasonably necessary for the Board of Directors to ascertain that no individual's Beneficial Ownership or Constructive Ownership of shares of Capital Stock will violate Section 7.2.1(a)(ii);

(ii) such Person provides the Board of Directors with information, including any representations and undertakings requested by the Board of Directors in its reasonable discretion, that demonstrate such Person's Beneficial Ownership or Constructive Ownership of shares of Capital Stock in excess of the Aggregate Stock Ownership Limit or Common Stock Ownership Limit would not result in the Corporation owning (directly or indirectly) an interest in a tenant that is described in Section 856(d)(2)(B) of the Code if the income derived by the Corporation (either directly or indirectly through one or more partnerships or limited liability companies) from such tenant for the taxable year of the Corporation during which such determination is being made would reasonably be expected to equal or exceed the lesser of (a) one percent (1%) of the Corporation's gross income (as determined for purposes of Section 856(c) of the Code) or (b) an amount that would cause the Corporation to fail to satisfy any of the gross income requirements of Section 856(c) of the Code; and

(iii) such Person agrees that any violation or attempted violation of such representations or undertakings (or other action which is contrary to the restrictions contained in Sections 7.2.1 through 7.2.6) will result in such shares of Capital Stock being automatically transferred to a Trust in accordance with Sections 7.2.1(b) and 7.3.

(b) Prior to granting any exception pursuant to Section 7.2.7(a), the Board of Directors may require a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service, or an opinion of counsel, in either case in form and substance satisfactory to the Board of Directors, as it may deem necessary or advisable in order to determine or ensure the Corporation's status as a REIT. Notwithstanding the receipt of any ruling or opinion, the Board of Directors may impose such conditions or restrictions as it deems appropriate in connection with granting such exception.

(c) Subject to Section 7.2.1(a)(ii) and unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, an underwriter which participates in a public offering or a private placement of Capital Stock (or securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for Capital Stock) may Beneficially Own or Constructively Own shares of Capital Stock (or securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for Capital Stock) in excess of the Aggregate Stock Ownership Limit, the Common Stock Ownership Limit, or both such limits, but only to the extent necessary to facilitate such public offering or private placement.

(d) The Board of Directors may only reduce the Excepted Holder Limit for an Excepted Holder: (1) with the written consent of such Excepted Holder at any time, or (2) pursuant to the terms and conditions of the agreements and undertakings entered into with such Excepted Holder in connection with the establishment of the Excepted Holder Limit for that Excepted Holder. No Excepted Holder Limit shall be reduced to a percentage that is less than the Common Stock Ownership Limit.

Section 7.2.8 Increase or Decrease in Common Stock Ownership Limit or Aggregate Stock Ownership Limit. Subject to Section 7.2.1(a)(ii) and this Section 7.2.8, the Board of Directors may from time to time increase or decrease the Common Stock Ownership Limit and the Aggregate Stock Ownership Limit for one or more Persons and increase or decrease the Common Stock Ownership Limit and the Aggregate Stock Ownership Limit for all other Persons. No decreased Common Stock Ownership Limit or Aggregate Stock Ownership Limit, as applicable, until such time as such Person's percentage of ownership of Capital Stock equals or falls below the decreased Common Stock Ownership Limit or Aggregate Stock Ownership Limit, as applicable; provided, however, any further acquisition of Capital Stock by any such Person (other than a Person for whom an exemption has been granted pursuant to Section 7.2.7(a) or an Excepted Holder) in excess of the Capital Stock owned by such person on the date the decreased Common Stock Ownership Limit or Aggregate Stock Ownership Limit. No increase to the Common Stock Ownership Limit or Aggregate Stock Ownership Limit or Aggregate Stock Ownership Limit. No increase to the Common Stock Ownership Limit or Aggregate Stock Ownership Limit may be approved by the Board of Directors if the new Common Stock Ownership Limit and/or Aggregate Stock Ownership Limit would allow five or fewer Persons to Beneficially Own, in the aggregate more than 49.9% in value of the outstanding Capital Stock.

Section 7.2.9 <u>Legend</u>. Each certificate for shares of Capital Stock, if certificated, or any written statement of information in lieu of a certificate delivered to a holder of uncertificated shares of Capital Stock shall bear substantially the following legend:

The shares represented by this certificate are subject to restrictions on Beneficial Ownership and Constructive Ownership and Transfer for the purpose, among others, of the Corporation's maintenance of its status as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Subject to certain further restrictions and except as expressly provided in the Charter, (i) no Person may Beneficially Own or Constructively Own shares of Capital Stock in excess of the Aggregate Stock Ownership Limit, unless such Person is an Excepted Holder (in which case the Excepted Holder Limit shall be applicable); (ii) no Person may Beneficially Own or Constructively Own shares of Common Stock in excess of the Common Stock Ownership Limit, unless such Person is an Excepted Holder (in which case the Excepted Holder Limit shall be applicable); (iii) no Person may Beneficially Own or Constructively Own shares of Capital Stock that would result in the Corporation being "closely held" under Section 856(h) of the Code or otherwise cause the Corporation to fail to qualify as a REIT; and (iv) any Transfer of shares of Capital Stock that, if effective, would result in the Capital Stock being beneficially owned by less than 100 Persons (as determined under the principles of Section 856(a)(5) of the Code) shall be void ab initio, and the intended transferee shall acquire no rights in such shares of Capital Stock. Any Person who Beneficially Owns or Constructively Owns or attempts to Beneficially Own or Constructively Own shares of Capital Stock which causes or will cause a Person to Beneficially Own or Constructively Own shares of Capital Stock in excess or in violation of the above limitations must immediately notify the Corporation in writing (or, in the case of an attempted transaction, give at least 15 days prior written notice). If any of the restrictions on transfer or ownership as set forth in (i),

(ii) and (iii) above are violated, the shares of Capital Stock in excess or in violation of the above limitations will be automatically transferred to a Trustee of a Trust for the benefit of one or more Charitable Beneficiaries. In addition, the Corporation may redeem shares upon the terms and conditions specified by the Board of Directors in its sole and absolute discretion if the Board of Directors determines that ownership or a Transfer or other event may violate the restrictions described above. Furthermore, upon the occurrence of certain events, attempted Transfers in violation of the restrictions described in (i) through (iii) above may be void <u>ab initio</u>. All capitalized terms in this legend have the meanings defined in the Charter, as the same may be amended from time to time, a copy of which, including the restrictions on transfer and ownership, will be furnished to each holder of Capital Stock on request and without charge. Requests for such a copy may be directed to the Secretary of the Corporation at its principal office.

Instead of the foregoing legend, the certificate or written statement of information delivered in lieu of a certificate, if any, may state that the Corporation will furnish a full statement about certain restrictions on transferability to a stockholder on request and without charge.

Section 7.3 Transfer of Capital Stock in Trust.

Section 7.3.1 <u>Ownership in Trust</u>. Upon any purported Transfer or other event described in Section 7.2.1(b) that would result in a transfer of shares of Capital Stock to a Trust, such shares of Capital Stock shall be deemed to have been transferred to the Trustee as trustee of a Trust for the exclusive benefit of one or more Charitable Beneficiaries. Such transfer to the Trustee shall be deemed to be effective as of the close of business on the Business Day prior to the purported Transfer or other event that results in the transfer to the Trust pursuant to Section 7.2.1(b). The Trustee shall be appointed by the Corporation and shall be a Person unaffiliated with the Corporation and any Prohibited Owner. Each Charitable Beneficiary shall be designated by the Corporation as provided in Section 7.3.6.

Section 7.3.2 <u>Status of Shares Held by the Trustee</u>. Shares of Capital Stock held by the Trustee shall be issued and outstanding shares of Capital Stock. The Prohibited Owner shall have no rights in the shares held by the Trustee. The Prohibited Owner shall not benefit economically from ownership of any shares held in trust by the Trustee, shall have no rights to dividends or other distributions, and shall not possess any rights to vote or other rights attributable to the shares held in the Trust.

Section 7.3.3 <u>Dividend and Voting Rights</u>. The Trustee shall have all voting rights and rights to dividends or other distributions with respect to shares of Capital Stock held in the Trust, which rights shall be exercised for the exclusive benefit of the Charitable Beneficiary. Any dividend or other distribution paid prior to the discovery by the Corporation that the shares of Capital Stock have been transferred to the Trustee shall be paid by the recipient of such dividend or other distribution to the Trustee upon demand and any dividend or other distribution authorized but unpaid shall be paid when due to the Trustee. Any dividend or other distribution so paid to the Trustee shall be held in trust for the Charitable Beneficiary. The Prohibited Owner shall have no voting rights with respect to shares of Capital Stock held in the Trust and, subject to Maryland law, effective as of the date that the shares of Capital Stock have been transferred to the Trustee shall have the authority (at the Trustee's sole and absolute discretion) (i) to rescind as void any vote cast by a Prohibited Owner prior to the discovery by the Corporation that the shares of Capital Stock have been transferred to the Trust and recast such vote. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article VII, until the Corporation has received notification that shares of Capital Stock have been transferred into a Trust, the Corporation shall be entitled to rely on its stock transfer and other stockholder records for purposes of preparing lists of stockholders entitled to vote at meetings, determining the validity and authority of proxies, and otherwise conducting votes and determining the other rights of stockholders.

Section 7.3.4 Sale of Shares by Trustee. Within 20 days of receiving notice from the Corporation that shares of Capital Stock have been transferred to the Trust, the Trustee of the Trust shall use best efforts to sell the shares held in the Trust to a Person, designated by the Trustee, whose ownership of the shares will not violate the ownership limitations set forth in Section 7.2.1(a). Upon such sale, the interest of the Charitable Beneficiary in the shares sold shall terminate and the Trustee shall distribute the net proceeds of the sale to the Prohibited Owner and to the Charitable Beneficiary as provided in this Section 7.3.4. The Prohibited Owner shall receive the lesser of (1) the price paid by the Prohibited Owner for the shares or, if the Prohibited Owner did not give value for the shares in connection with the event causing the shares to be held in the Trust (e.g., in the case of a gift, devise, or other such transaction), the Market Price of the shares on the day of the event causing the shares to be held in the Trust and (2) the price per share received by the Trustee (net of any commissions and other expenses of sale) from the sale or other disposition of the shares held in the Trust. The Trustee may reduce the amount payable to the Prohibited Owner by the amount of dividends and other distributions which have been paid to the Prohibited Owner and are owed by the Prohibited Owner to the Trustee pursuant to Section 7.3.3 of this Article VII. Any net sales proceeds in excess of the amount payable to the Prohibited Owner shall be immediately paid to the Charitable Beneficiary. If, prior to the discovery by the Corporation that shares of Capital Stock have been transferred to the Trustee, such shares are sold by a Prohibited Owner, then (i) such shares shall be deemed to have been sold on behalf of the Trust and (ii) to the extent that the Prohibited Owner received an amount for such shares that exceeds the amount that such Prohibited Owner was entitled to receive pursuant to this Section 7.3.4, such excess shall be paid to the Trustee upon demand.

Section 7.3.5 <u>Purchase Right in Stock Transferred to the Trustee</u>. Shares of Capital Stock transferred to the Trustee shall be deemed to have been offered for sale to the Corporation, or its designee, at a price per share equal to the lesser of (i) the price per share in the transaction that resulted in such transfer to the Trust (or, in the case of a devise or gift, the Market Price at the time of such devise or gift) and (ii) the Market Price on the date the Corporation, or its designee, accepts such offer. The Corporation may reduce the amount payable to the Prohibited Owner by the amount of dividends and other distributions which has been paid to the Prohibited Owner and is owed by the Prohibited Owner to the Trustee pursuant to Section 7.3.3 of this Article VII. The Corporation may pay the amount of such reduction to the Trustee for the benefit of the Charitable Beneficiary. The Corporation shall have the right to accept such offer until the Trustee has sold the shares held in the Trust pursuant to Section 7.3.4. Upon such a sale to the Corporation, the interest of the Charitable Beneficiary in the shares sold shall terminate and the Trustee shall distribute the net proceeds of the sale to the Prohibited Owner.

Section 7.3.6 <u>Designation of Charitable Beneficiaries</u>. By written notice to the Trustee, the Corporation shall designate one or more nonprofit organizations to be the Charitable Beneficiary or Charitable Beneficiaries of the interest in the Trust such that the shares of Capital Stock held in the Trust would not violate the restrictions set forth in Section 7.2.1(a) in the hands of such

Charitable Beneficiary or Charitable Beneficiaries. Neither the failure of the Corporation to make such designation nor the failure of the Corporation to appoint the Trustee before the automatic transfer provided in Section 7.2.1(b) shall make such transfer ineffective, provided that the Corporation thereafter makes such designation and appointment.

Section 7.4 <u>NASDAQ Transactions</u>. Nothing in this Article VII shall preclude the settlement of any transaction entered into through the facilities of the NASDAQ or any other national securities exchange or automated inter-dealer quotation system. The fact that the settlement of any transaction occurs shall not negate the effect of any other provision of this Article VII and any transferee in such a transaction shall be subject to all of the provisions and limitations set forth in this Article VII.

Section 7.5 <u>Enforcement</u>. The Corporation is authorized specifically to seek equitable relief, including injunctive relief, to enforce the provisions of this Article VII. The Corporation is authorized specifically to seek money damages and/or reimbursement for any expenses, including, but not limited to, attorney's fees, incurred in connection with any efforts deemed necessary by the Board of Directors to enforce the provisions of this Article VII.

Section 7.6 <u>Non-Waiver</u>. No delay or failure on the part of the Corporation or the Board of Directors in exercising any right hereunder shall operate as a waiver of any right of the Corporation or the Board of Directors, as the case may be, except to the extent specifically waived in writing.

Section 7.7 <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Article VII or any application of any such provision is determined to be invalid by any federal or state court having jurisdiction over the issues, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be affected and other applications of such provisions shall be affected only to the extent necessary to comply with the determination of such court.

#### ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

The Corporation reserves the right from time to time to make any amendment to the Charter, now or hereafter authorized by law, including, but not limited to, any amendment altering the terms or contract rights, as expressly set forth in the Charter, of any shares of outstanding stock. All rights and powers conferred by the Charter on stockholders, directors, and officers are granted subject to this reservation. Except as otherwise provided in the next sentence and except for those amendments permitted to be made without stockholder approval under Maryland law or by specific provision in the Charter, any amendment to the Charter shall be valid only if declared advisable by the Board of Directors and approved by the affirmative vote of stockholders entitled to cast a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast on the matter. However, any amendment to Article V, Section 5.8, or to this sentence of the Charter shall be valid only if declared advisable by the Board of Directors and approved by the affirmative vote of stockholders entitled to cast at least two-thirds of all the votes entitled to be cast on the matter.

#### ARTICLE IX LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

To the maximum extent that Maryland law in effect from time to time permits limitation of the liability of directors and officers of a corporation, no present or former director or officer of the Corporation shall be liable to the Corporation or its stockholders for money damages. Neither the amendment nor repeal of this Article IX, nor the adoption or amendment of any other provision of the Charter or Bylaws inconsistent with this Article IX, shall apply to or affect in any respect the applicability of the preceding sentence with respect to any act or failure to act which occurred prior to such amendment, repeal, or adoption.

THIRD: The amendment to and restatement of the charter as hereinabove set forth have been duly advised by the Board of Directors and approved by the stockholders of the Corporation as required by law.

<u>FOURTH</u>: The current address of the principal office of the Corporation is as set forth in Article IV of the foregoing amendment and restatement of the charter.

<u>FIFTH</u>: The name and address of the Corporation's current resident agent are as set forth in Article IV of the foregoing amendment and restatement of the charter.

SIXTH: The number of directors of the Corporation and the names of those currently in office are as set forth in Article V of the foregoing amendment and restatement of the charter.

<u>SEVENTH</u>: The total number of shares of stock which the Corporation had authority to issue immediately prior to the foregoing amendment and restatement of the charter was 20,000,000, consisting of 19,900,000 shares of Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share, and 100,000 shares of Series A Participating Preferred Stock, \$0.01 par value per share. The aggregate par value of all shares of stock having par value was \$200,000.

<u>EIGHTH</u>: The total number of shares of stock which the Corporation has authority to issue pursuant to the foregoing amendment and restatement of the charter is 500,000,000, consisting of 450,000,000 shares of Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share, and 50,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock, \$0.01 par value per share. The aggregate par value of all authorized shares of stock having par value is \$5,000,000.

<u>NINTH</u>: The Corporation has elected to be subject to Section 3-804(c)(2) and (3) of the Maryland General Corporation Law (the "MGCL"). The repeal of the Corporation's election to be subject to Section 3-804(c)(2) and (3) of the MGCL may be effected only by a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors.

<u>TENTH</u>: The undersigned acknowledges these Articles of Amendment and Restatement to be the corporate act of the Corporation and as to all matters or facts required to be verified under oath, the undersigned acknowledges that, to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, these matters and facts are true in all material respects and that this statement is made under the penalties for perjury.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Corporation has caused these Articles of Amendment and Restatement to be signed in its name and on its behalf by its Chief Executive Officer and attested to by its Secretary on this 20th day of October, 2017.

By:

ATTEST:

/s/ Donald Klimoski II

Name: Donald Klimoski II Title: Secretary

GLOBAL SELF STORAGE, INC.

/s/ Mark C. Winmill

(SEAL)

Name: Mark C. Winmill Title: Chief Executive Officer

# SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS OF GLOBAL SELF STORAGE, INC.

### (A MARYLAND CORPORATION)

#### ARTICLE I - NAME OF CORPORATION, LOCATION OF OFFICES AND SEAL

Section 1. Name. The name of the Corporation is Global Self Storage, Inc.

Section 2. Principal Offices. The principal office of the Corporation in the State of Maryland shall be located at such place as the board of directors may designate. The Corporation may have additional offices, including a principal executive office, at such places as the board of directors may from time to time determine or the business of the Corporation may require.

Section 3. Seal. The board of directors may authorize the adoption of a seal by the Corporation. The seal shall contain the name of the Corporation and the year of its incorporation and the words "Incorporated Maryland." The board of directors may authorize one or more duplicate seals and provide for the custody thereof. Whenever the Corporation is permitted or required to affix its seal to a document, it shall be sufficient to meet the requirements of any law, rule or regulation relating to a seal to place the word "(SEAL)" adjacent to the signature of the person authorized to execute the document on behalf of the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE II – MEETINGS OF STOCKHOLDERS**

Section 1. Place. All meetings of stockholders shall be held at the principal executive office of the Corporation or at such other place as shall be set in accordance with these Bylaws and stated in the notice of the meeting.

Section 2. Annual Meetings. An annual meeting of stockholders for the election of directors and the transaction of any business within the powers of the Corporation shall be held on the date and at the time and place set by the board of directors.

Section 3. Special Meetings.

(a) General. Each of the chairman of the board, president and board of directors may call a special meeting of stockholders. Except as provided in subsection (b)(4) of this Section 3, a special meeting of stockholders shall be held on the date and at the time and place set by the chairman of the board, chief executive officer, president or board of directors, whoever has called the meeting. Subject to subsection (b) of this Section 3, a special meeting of stockholders shall also be called by the secretary of the Corporation to act on any matter that may properly be considered at a meeting of stockholders upon the written request of stockholders entitled to cast not less than a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast on such matter at such meeting.

(b) Stockholder-Requested Special Meetings.

(1) Any stockholder of record (a "stockholder of record" is hereby defined for all purposes of these Bylaws as a stockholder whose name and address appears on the Corporation's stock ledger pursuant to Article VI hereof) seeking to have stockholders request a special meeting shall, by sending written notice to the secretary (the "Record Date Request Notice") by registered mail, return receipt requested, request the board of directors to fix a record date to determine the stockholders entitled to request a special meeting (the "Request Record Date"). The Record Date Request Notice shall set forth the purpose of the meeting and the matters proposed to be acted on at it, shall be signed by one or more stockholders of record as of the date of signature (or their agents duly authorized in a writing accompanying the Record Date Request Notice), shall bear the date of signature of each such stockholder (or such agent) and shall set forth all information relating to each such stockholder and each matter proposed to be acted on at the meeting that would be required to be disclosed in connection with the solicitation of proxies for the election of directors in an election contest (even if an election contest is not involved), or would otherwise be required in connection with such a solicitation, in each case pursuant to Regulation 14A (or any successor provision) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (the "Exchange Act"). Upon receiving the Record Date Request Notice, the board of directors may fix a Request Record Date. The Request Record Date shall not precede and shall not be more than ten days after the close of business on the date on which the resolution fixing the Request Record Date is adopted by the board of directors. If the board of directors, within ten days after the date on which a valid Record Date Request Notice is received, fails to adopt a resolution fixing the Request Record Date, the Request Record Date shall be the close of business on the tenth day after the first date on which a Record Date Request Notice is received by the secretary.

(2) In order for any stockholder to request a special meeting to act on any matter that may properly be considered at a meeting of stockholders, one or more written requests for a special meeting (collectively, the "Special Meeting Request") signed by stockholders of record (or their agents duly authorized in a writing accompanying the request) as of the Request Record Date entitled to cast not less than a majority of all of the votes entitled to be cast on such matter at such meeting (the "Special Meeting Percentage") shall be delivered to the secretary. In addition, the Special Meeting Request shall (a) set forth the purpose of the meeting and the matters proposed to be acted on at it (which shall be limited to those lawful matters set forth in the Record Date Request Notice received by the secretary), (b) bear the date of signature of each such stockholder (or such agent) signing the Special Meeting Request, (c) set forth (i) the name and address, as they appear in the Corporation's books, of each stockholder signing such request (or on whose behalf the Special Meeting Request is signed), (ii) the class, series and number of all shares of stock of the Corporation which are owned (beneficially or of record) by each such stockholder, (d) be sent to the secretary by registered mail, return receipt requested, and (e) be received by the secretary within 60 days after the Request Record Date. Any requesting stockholder (or agent duly authorized in a writing accompanying the revocation of the Special Meeting Request) may revoke his, her or its request for a special meeting at any time by written revocation delivered to the secretary.

(3) The secretary shall inform the requesting stockholders of the reasonably estimated cost of preparing and mailing or delivering the notice of the meeting (including the Corporation's proxy materials). The secretary shall not be required to call a special meeting upon stockholder request and such meeting shall not be held unless, in addition to the documents required by paragraph (2) of this Section 3(b), the secretary receives payment of such reasonably estimated cost prior to the preparation and mailing or delivery of such notice of the meeting.

(4) In the case of any special meeting called by the secretary upon the request of stockholders (a "Stockholder-Requested Meeting"), such meeting shall be held at such place, date and time as may be designated by the board of directors; provided, however, that the date of any Stockholder-Requested Meeting shall be not more than 90 days after the record date for such meeting (the "Meeting Record Date"); and provided further that if the board of directors fails to designate, within ten days after the date that a valid Special Meeting Request is actually received by the secretary (the "Delivery Date"), a date and time for a Stockholder-Requested Meeting, then such meeting shall be held at 2:00 p.m., local time, on the 90<sup>th</sup> day after the Meeting Record Date or, if such 90<sup>th</sup> day is not a Business Day (as defined below), on the first preceding Business Day; and provided further that in the event that the board of directors fails to designate a place for a Stockholder-Requested Meeting within ten days after the Delivery Date, then such meeting shall be held at the principal executive office of the Corporation. In fixing a date for a Stockholder-Requested Meeting, the board of directors may consider such factors as it deems relevant, including, without limitation, the nature of the matters to be considered, the facts and circumstances surrounding any request for the meeting and any plan of the board of directors to call an annual meeting or a special meeting. In the case of any Stockholder-Requested Meeting in the event that the requesting Record Date. The board of directors may revoke the notice for any Stockholder-Requested Meeting in the event that the requesting stockholders fail to comply with the provisions of paragraph (3) of this Section 3(b).

(5) If written revocations of the Special Meeting Request have been delivered to the secretary and the result is that stockholders of record (or their agents duly authorized in writing), as of the Request Record Date, entitled to cast less than the Special Meeting Percentage have delivered, and not revoked, requests for a special meeting on the matter to the secretary: (i) if the notice of meeting has not already been delivered, the secretary shall refrain from delivering the notice of the meeting and send to all requesting stockholders who have not revoked such requests written notice of any revocation of a request for a special meeting on the matter, or (ii) if the notice of meeting has been delivered and if the secretary first sends to all requesting stockholders who have not revoked requests for a special meeting on the special meeting and written notice of the Corporation's intention to revoke the notice of the meeting or for the chairman of the meeting to adjourn the meeting without action on the matter, (A) the secretary may revoke the notice of the meeting at any time before ten days before the commencement of the meeting or (B) the chairman of the meeting may call the meeting to order and adjourn the meeting without acting on the matter. Any request for a special meeting received after a revocation by the secretary of a notice of a meeting shall be considered a request for a new special meeting.

(6) The chairman of the board, president or board of directors may appoint regionally or nationally recognized independent inspectors of elections to act as the agent of the Corporation for the purpose of promptly performing a ministerial review of the validity of any purported Special Meeting Request received by the secretary. For the purpose of permitting the inspectors to perform such review, no such purported Special Meeting Request shall be deemed to have been received by the secretary until the earlier of (i) five Business Days after actual receipt by the secretary of such purported request and (ii) such date as the independent inspectors certify to the Corporation that the valid requests received by the secretary represent, as of the Request Record Date, stockholders of record entitled to cast not less than the Special Meeting Percentage. Nothing contained in this paragraph (6) shall in any way be construed to suggest or imply that the Corporation or any stockholder shall not be entitled to contest the validity of any request, whether during or after such five Business Day period, or to take any other action (including, without limitation, the commencement, prosecution or defense of any litigation with respect thereto, and the seeking of injunctive relief in such litigation).

(7) For purposes of these Bylaws, "Business Day" shall mean any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which banking institutions in the State of Maryland are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close.

Section 4. Notice of Meetings. Not less than ten nor more than 90 days before each meeting of stockholders, the secretary shall give to each stockholder entitled to vote at such meeting and to each stockholder not entitled to vote who is entitled to notice of the meeting notice in writing or by electronic transmission stating the time and place of the meeting and, in the case of a special meeting or as otherwise may be required by any statute, the purpose for which the meeting is called, by mail, by presenting it to such stockholder personally, by leaving it at the stockholder's residence or usual place of business, by electronic transmission or by any other means permitted by Maryland law. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be given when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the stockholder at the stockholder's address as it appears on the records of the Corporation, with postage thereon prepaid. If transmitted electronically, such notice shall be deemed to be given when transmissions. The Corporation may give a single notice to all stockholders who share an address, which single notice shall be effective as to any stockholder at such address, unless such stockholder objects to receiving such single notice or revokes a prior consent to receiving such single notice. Failure to give notice of any meeting to one or more stockholders, or any irregularity in such notice, shall not affect the validity of any meeting fixed in accordance with this Article II or the validity of any proceedings at any such meeting.

Subject to Section 11(a) of this Article II, any business of the Corporation may be transacted at an annual meeting of stockholders without being specifically designated in the notice, except such business as is required by any statute to be stated in such notice. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting of stockholders except as specifically designated in the notice. The Corporation may postpone or cancel a meeting of stockholders by making a public announcement (as defined in Section 11(c)(3) of this Article II) of such postponement or cancellation prior to the meeting. Notice of the date, time and place to which the meeting is postponed shall be given not less than ten days prior to such date and otherwise in the manner set forth in this section.

Section 5. Quorum and Adjournment of Meetings. At any meeting of stockholders, the presence in person or by proxy of stockholders entitled to cast a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast at such meeting on any matter shall constitute a quorum; but this section shall not affect any requirement under any statute or the charter of the Corporation (the "Charter") for the vote necessary for the approval of any matter. If such quorum is not established at any meeting of the stockholders, the chairman of the meeting may adjourn the meeting from

time to time to a date not more than 120 days after the original record date without notice other than announcement at the meeting. At such adjourned meeting, if a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally convened. The stockholders present either in person or by proxy, at a meeting which has been duly called and at which a quorum has been established, may continue to transact business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal from the meeting of enough stockholders to leave fewer than would be required to establish a quorum.

Section 6. Voting and Inspectors. Each share entitles the holder thereof to vote for as many individuals as there are directors to be elected and for whose election the holder is entitled to vote. Except as otherwise provided in Section 6 of Article III of these Bylaws, a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of stockholders duly called and at which a quorum is present shall be sufficient to approve any matter which may properly come before the meeting, unless more than a majority of the votes cast is required by statute or by the Charter. Unless otherwise provided by statute or by the Charter, each outstanding share of stock, regardless of class, entitles the holder thereof to cast one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of stockholders. Voting on any question or in any election may be *viva voce* unless the chairman of the meeting shall order that voting be by ballot or otherwise.

The board of directors or the chairman of the meeting may appoint, before or at the meeting, one or more inspectors for the meeting and any successor to the inspector. Except as otherwise provided by the chairman of the meeting, the inspectors, if any, shall (i) determine the number of shares of stock represented at the meeting, in person or by proxy, and the validity and effect of proxies, (ii) receive and tabulate all votes, ballots or consents, (iii) report such tabulation to the chairman of the meeting, (iv) hear and determine all challenges and questions arising in connection with the right to vote, and (v) do such acts as are proper to fairly conduct the election or vote. Each such report shall be in writing and signed by the inspector or by a majority of them if there is more than one inspector acting at such meeting. If there is more than one inspector, the report of a majority shall be the report of the inspectors. The report of the inspectors on the number of shares represented at the meeting and the results of the voting shall be *prima facie* evidence thereof.

Section 7. Proxies. A holder of record of shares of stock of the Corporation may cast votes in person or by proxy executed by the stockholder or by the stockholder's duly authorized agent in any manner permitted by law. Such proxy or evidence of authorization of such proxy shall be filed with the secretary of the Corporation before or at the meeting. No proxy shall be valid more than eleven months after its date unless otherwise provided in the proxy.

Section 8. Organization and Conduct of Stockholders' Meetings. Every meeting of stockholders shall be conducted by an individual appointed by the board of directors to be chairman of the meeting or, in the absence of such appointment or appointed individual, by the chairman of the board or, in the case of a vacancy in the office or absence of the chairman of the board, by one of the following officers present at the meeting in the following order: the vice chairman of the board, if there is one, the president, the vice presidents in their order of rank and, within each rank, in their order of seniority, the secretary or, in the absence of such officers, a chairman chosen by the stockholders by the vote of a majority of the votes cast by stockholders present in person or by proxy. The secretary or, in the case of a vacancy in the office or absence of the secretary, an assistant secretary or an individual appointed by the board of directors or the chairman of the meeting shall act as secretary. In the event that the secretary presides at a meeting of stockholders, an assistant secretary or, in the absence of all assistant secretaries, an individual appointed by the board of directors or the chairman of the meeting shall record the minutes of the meeting. The order of business and all other matters of procedure at any meeting of stockholders shall be determined by the chairman of the meeting. The chairman of the meeting may prescribe such rules, regulations and procedures and take such action as, in the discretion of the chairman and without any action by the stockholders, are appropriate for the proper conduct of the meeting, including, without limitation, (a) restricting admission to the time set for the commencement of the meeting; (b) limiting attendance or participation at the meeting to stockholders of record of the Corporation, their duly authorized proxies and such other individuals as the chairman of the meeting may determine; (c) limiting the time allotted to questions or comments; (d) determining when and for how long the polls should be opened and when the polls should be closed; (e) maintaining order and security at the meeting; (f) removing any stockholder or any other individual who refuses to comply with meeting procedures, rules or guidelines as set forth by the chairman of the meeting; (g) concluding a meeting or recessing or adjourning the meeting, whether or not a quorum is present, to a later date and time and at a place announced at the meeting; and (h) complying with any state and local laws and regulations concerning safety and security. Unless otherwise determined by the chairman of the meeting, meetings of stockholders shall not be required to be held in accordance with the rules of parliamentary procedure.

Section 9. Action Without Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken by stockholders at a meeting of stockholders may be taken without a meeting if (a) a unanimous consent setting forth the action is given in writing or by electronic transmission by each stockholder entitled to vote on the matter and filed with the minutes of proceedings of the stockholders, (b) a waiver of any right to dissent is given in writing or by electronic transmission by all stockholders entitled to notice of the meeting but not entitled to vote at it, and (c) the consents and waivers are filed with the records of the meetings of stockholders. Such consent shall be treated for all purposes as a vote at the meeting.

Section 10. Voting of Stock by Certain Holders. Stock of the Corporation registered in the name of a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, trust or other entity, if entitled to be voted, may be voted by the president or a vice president, managing member, manager, general partner or trustee thereof, as the case may be, or a proxy appointed by any of the foregoing individuals, unless some other person who has been appointed to vote such stock pursuant to a bylaw or a resolution of the governing body of such corporation or other entity or agreement of the partners of a partnership presents a certified copy of such bylaw, resolution or agreement, in which case such person may vote such stock. Any trustee or fiduciary, in such capacity, may vote stock registered in such trustee's or fiduciary's name, either in person or by proxy.

Shares of stock of the Corporation directly or indirectly owned by it shall not be voted at any meeting and shall not be counted in determining the total number of outstanding shares entitled to be voted at any given time, unless they are held by it in a fiduciary capacity, in which case they may be voted and shall be counted in determining the total number of outstanding shares at any given time.

The board of directors may adopt by resolution a procedure by which a stockholder may certify in writing to the Corporation that any shares of stock registered in the name of the stockholder are held for the account of a specified person other than the stockholder. The resolution shall set forth the class of stockholders who may make the certification, the purpose for which the certification may be made, the form of certification and the information to be contained in it; if the certification is with respect to a record date, the time after the record

date within which the certification must be received by the Corporation; and any other provisions with respect to the procedure which the board of directors considers necessary or desirable. On receipt by the secretary of the Corporation of such certification, the person specified in the certification shall be regarded as, for the purposes set forth in the certification, the holder of record of the specified stock in place of the stockholder who makes the certification.

Section 11. Advance Notice of Stockholder Nominations for Director and Other Stockholder Proposals.

(a) Annual Meetings of Stockholders.

(1) Nominations of individuals for election to the board of directors and the proposal of other business to be considered by the stockholders may be made at an annual meeting of stockholders (i) pursuant to the Corporation's notice of meeting, (ii) by or at the direction of the board of directors or (iii) by any stockholder of the Corporation who was a stockholder of record at the record date set by the board of directors for the purpose of determining stockholders entitled to vote at the annual meeting, at the time of giving of notice by the stockholder as provided for in this Section 11(a) and at the time of the annual meeting (and any postponement or adjournment thereof), who is entitled to vote at the meeting in the election of each individual so nominated or on any such other business and who has complied with this Section 11(a).

(2) For any nomination or other business to be properly brought before an annual meeting by a stockholder pursuant to clause (iii) of paragraph (a)(1) of this Section 11, the stockholder must have given timely notice thereof in writing to the secretary of the Corporation and any such other business must otherwise be a proper matter for action by the stockholders. To be timely, a stockholder's notice shall set forth all information required under this Section 11 and shall be delivered to the secretary at the principal executive office of the Corporation not earlier than the 150<sup>th</sup> day nor later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the 120<sup>th</sup> day prior to the first anniversary of the date of the proxy statement (as defined in Section 1(c)(3) of this Article II) for the preceding year's annual meeting; provided, however, that in the event that the date of the annual meeting is advanced or delayed by more than 30 days from the first anniversary of the date of the preceding year's annual meeting, in order for notice by the stockholder to be timely, such notice must be so delivered not earlier than the 150<sup>th</sup> day prior to the date of such annual meeting and not later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the later of the 120<sup>th</sup> day prior to the date of such annual meeting and not later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the later of the 120<sup>th</sup> day prior to the date of such annual meeting and not later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the later of the 120<sup>th</sup> day prior to the date of such annual meeting and not later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the later of the 120<sup>th</sup> day prior to the date of such annual meeting and not later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the later of the 120<sup>th</sup> day prior to the date of such annual meeting is first made. The public announcement of a postponement or adjournment of an annual meeting shall not commence a new time period for the giving of a stockholder's notice as described above.

(3) Such stockholder's notice shall set forth:

(i) as to each individual whom the stockholder proposes to nominate for election or reelection as a director (each, a "Proposed Nominee"), all information relating to the Proposed Nominee that would be required to be disclosed in connection with the solicitation of proxies for the election of the Proposed Nominee as a director in an election contest (even if an election contest is not involved), or would otherwise be required in connection with such solicitation, in each case pursuant to Regulation 14A (or any successor provision) under the Exchange Act;

(ii) as to any other business that the stockholder proposes to bring before the meeting, a description of such business, the stockholder's reasons for proposing such business at the meeting and any material interest in such business of such stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person (as defined below), individually or in the aggregate, including any anticipated benefit to the stockholder or the Stockholder Associated Person therefrom;

(iii) as to the stockholder giving the notice, any Proposed Nominee and any Stockholder Associated Person,

(A) the class, series and number of all shares of stock or other securities of the Corporation or any affiliate thereof (collectively, the "Company Securities"), if any, which are owned (beneficially or of record) by such stockholder, Proposed Nominee or Stockholder Associated Person, the date on which each such Company Security was acquired and the investment intent of such acquisition, and any short interest (including any opportunity to profit or share in any benefit from any decrease in the price of such stock or other security) in any Company Securities of any such person,

(B) the nominee holder for, and number of, any Company Securities owned beneficially but not of record by such stockholder, Proposed Nominee or Stockholder Associated Person,

(C) whether and the extent to which such stockholder, Proposed Nominee or Stockholder Associated Person, directly or indirectly (through brokers, nominees or otherwise), is subject to or during the last six months has engaged in any hedging, derivative or other transaction or series of transactions or entered into any other agreement, arrangement or understanding (including any short interest, any borrowing or lending of securities or any proxy or voting agreement), the effect or intent of which is to (I) manage risk or benefit of changes in the price of (x) Company Securities or (y) any security of any entity that was listed in the Peer Group in the Stock Performance Graph in the most recent annual report to security holders of the Corporation (a "Peer Group Company") for such stockholder, Proposed Nominee or Stockholder Associated Person or (II) increase or decrease the voting power of such stockholder, Proposed Nominee or Stockholder Associated Person in the Corporation or any affiliate thereof (or, as applicable, in any Peer Group Company) disproportionately to such person's economic interest in the Company Securities (or, as applicable, in any Peer Group Company) and

(D) any substantial interest, direct or indirect (including, without limitation, any existing or prospective commercial, business or contractual relationship with the Corporation), by security holdings or otherwise, of such stockholder, Proposed Nominee or Stockholder Associated Person, in the Corporation or any affiliate thereof, other than an interest arising from the ownership of Company Securities where such stockholder, Proposed Nominee or Stockholder Associated Person receives no extra or special benefit not shared on a pro rata basis by all other holders of the same class or series;

(iv) as to the stockholder giving the notice, any Stockholder Associated Person with an interest or ownership referred to in clauses (ii) or (iii) of this paragraph (3) of this Section 11(a) and any Proposed Nominee,

(A) the name and address of such stockholder, as they appear on the Corporation's stock ledger, and the current name and business address, if different, of each such Stockholder Associated Person and any Proposed Nominee and

(B) the investment strategy or objective, if any, of such stockholder and each such Stockholder Associated Person who is not an individual and a copy of the prospectus, offering memorandum or similar document, if any, provided to investors or potential investors in such stockholder and each such Stockholder Associated Person;

(v) the name and address of any person who contacted or was contacted by the stockholder giving the notice or any Stockholder Associated Person about the Proposed Nominee or other business proposal; and

(vi) to the extent known by the stockholder giving the notice, the name and address of any other stockholder supporting the nominee for election or reelection as a director or the proposal of other business.

(4) Such stockholder's notice shall, with respect to any Proposed Nominee, be accompanied by a written undertaking executed by the Proposed Nominee (i) that such Proposed Nominee (a) is not, and will not become, a party to any agreement, arrangement or understanding with any person or entity other than the Corporation in connection with service or action as a director that has not been disclosed to the Corporation and (b) will serve as a director of the Corporation if elected; and (ii) attaching a completed Proposed Nominee questionnaire (which questionnaire shall be provided by the Corporation, upon request by the stockholder providing the notice, and shall include all information relating to the Proposed Nominee that would be required to be disclosed in connection with the solicitation of proxies for the election of the Proposed Nominee as a director in an election contest (even if an election contest is not involved), or would otherwise be required in connection with such solicitation, in each case pursuant to Regulation 14A (or any successor provision) under the Exchange Act, or would be required pursuant to the rules of any national securities exchange on which any securities of the Corporation are listed or over-the-counter market on which any securities of the Corporation are traded).

(5) Notwithstanding anything in this subsection (a) of this Section 11 to the contrary, in the event that the number of directors to be elected to the board of directors is increased, and there is no public announcement of such action at least 130 days prior to the first anniversary of the date of the proxy statement (as defined in Section 11(c)(3) of this Article II) for the preceding year's annual meeting, a stockholder's notice required by this Section 11(a) shall also be considered timely, but only with respect to nominees for any new positions created by such increase, if it shall be delivered to the secretary at the principal executive office of the Corporation not later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the tenth day following the day on which such public announcement is first made by the Corporation.

(6) For purposes of this Section 11, "Stockholder Associated Person" of any stockholder shall mean (i) any person acting in concert with such stockholder, (ii) any beneficial owner of shares of stock of the Corporation owned of record or beneficially by such stockholder (other than a stockholder that is a depositary) and (iii) any person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, such stockholder or such Stockholder Associated Person.

(b) Special Meetings of Stockholders. Only such business shall be conducted at a special meeting of stockholders as shall have been brought before the meeting pursuant to the Corporation's notice of meeting. Nominations of individuals for election to the board of directors may be made at a special meeting of stockholders at which directors are to be elected only (i) by or at the direction of the board of directors or (ii) provided that the special meeting has been called in accordance with Section 3(a) of this Article II for the purpose of electing directors, by any stockholder of the Corporation who is a stockholder of record at the record date set by the board of directors for the purpose of determining stockholders entitled to vote at the special meeting, at the time of giving of notice provided for in this Section 11 and at the time of the special meeting (and any postponement or adjournment thereof), who is entitled to vote at the meeting in the election of each individual so nominated and who has complied with the notice procedures set forth in this Section 11. In the event the Corporation calls a special meeting of stockholders for the purpose of electing one or more individuals to the board of directors, any stockholder may nominate an individual or individuals (as the case may be) for election as a director as specified in the Corporation's notice of meeting, if the stockholder's notice, containing the information required by paragraphs (a)(3) and (4) of this Section 11, is delivered to the secretary at the principal executive office of the Corporation not earlier than the 120th day prior to such special meeting and not later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the later of the 90<sup>th</sup> day prior to such special meeting or the tenth day following the day on which public announcement is first made of the date of the special meeting and of the nominees proposed by the board of directors to be elected at such meeting. The public announcement of a postponement or adjournment of a special meeting shall not commence a new time period for the giving of a stockholder's notice as described above.

#### (c) General.

(1) If information submitted pursuant to this Section 11 by any stockholder proposing a nominee for election as a director or any proposal for other business at a meeting of stockholders shall be inaccurate in any material respect, such information may be deemed not to have been provided in accordance with this Section 11. Any such stockholder shall notify the Corporation of any inaccuracy or change (within two Business Days of becoming aware of such inaccuracy or change) in any such information. Upon written request by the secretary or the board of directors, any such stockholder shall provide, within five Business Days of delivery of such request (or such other period as may be specified in such request), (A) written verification, satisfactory, in the discretion of the board of directors or any authorized officer of the Corporation, to demonstrate the accuracy of any information submitted by the stockholder pursuant to this Section 11, and (B) a written update of any information (including, if requested by the Corporation, written confirmation by such stockholder that it continues to intend to bring such nomination or other business proposal before the meeting) submitted by the stockholder pursuant to this Section 11 as of an earlier date. If a stockholder fails to provide such written verification or written update within such period, the information as to which written verification or a written update was requested may be deemed not to have been provided in accordance with this Section 11.

(2) Only such individuals who are nominated in accordance with this Section 11 shall be eligible for election by stockholders as directors, and only such business shall be conducted at a meeting of stockholders as shall have been brought before the meeting in accordance with this Section 11. The chairman of the meeting shall have the power to determine whether a nomination or any other business proposed to be brought before the meeting was made or proposed, as the case may be, in accordance with this Section 11.

(3) For purposes of this Section 11, "the date of the proxy statement" shall have the same meaning as "the date of the company's proxy

statement released to shareholders" as used in Rule 14a-8(e) promulgated under the Exchange Act, as interpreted by the Securities and Exchange Commission from time to time. "Public announcement" shall mean disclosure (A) in a press release reported by the Dow Jones News Service, Associated Press, Business Wire, PR Newswire or other widely circulated news or wire service or (B) in a document publicly filed by the Corporation with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Exchange Act.

(4) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 11, a stockholder shall also comply with all applicable requirements of state law and of the Exchange Act with respect to the matters set forth in this Section 11. Nothing in this Section 11 shall be deemed to affect any right of a stockholder to request inclusion of a proposal in, or the right of the Corporation to omit a proposal from, any proxy statement filed by the Corporation with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 14a-8 (or any successor provision) under the Exchange Act. Nothing in this Section 11 shall require disclosure of revocable proxies received by the stockholder or Stockholder Associated Person pursuant to a solicitation of proxies after the filing of an effective Schedule 14A by such stockholder or Stockholder Associated Person under Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act.

(5) Notwithstanding anything in these Bylaws to the contrary, except as otherwise determined by the chairman of the meeting, if the stockholder giving notice as provided for in this Section 11 does not appear in person or by proxy at such annual or special meeting to present each nominee for election as a director or the proposed business, as applicable, such matter shall not be considered at the meeting.

Section 12. Control Share Acquisition Act. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Charter or these Bylaws, Title 3, Subtitle 7 of the Maryland General Corporation Law, or any successor statute (the "MGCL"), shall not apply to any acquisition by any person of shares of stock of the Corporation. This section may be repealed, in whole or in part, at any time, whether before or after an acquisition of control shares and, upon such repeal, may, to the extent provided by any successor bylaw, apply to any prior or subsequent control share acquisition.

#### **ARTICLE III – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1. General Powers. The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of, and all the powers of the Corporation shall be exercised by or under authority of, its board of directors.

Section 2. Power to Issue and Sell Stock. The board of directors may from time to time authorize the Corporation to issue and sell shares of stock of any class or series, whether now or hereafter authorized, to such persons and for such consideration as the board of directors shall deem advisable, subject to the provisions of the Charter. The board of directors may authorize the Corporation to issue fractional shares of stock or authorize the issuance of scrip, all on such terms and under such conditions as it may determine. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Charter or these Bylaws, the board of directors may authorize the issuance of units consisting of different securities of the Corporation. Any security issued in a unit shall have the same characteristics as any identical securities issued by the Corporation, except that the board of directors may provide that for a specified period securities of the Corporation issued in such unit may be transferred on the books of the Corporation only in such unit.

Section 3. Power to Authorize Dividends. The board of directors, from time to time as it may deem advisable, may authorize the Corporation to declare and pay dividends in stock, cash, or other property of the Corporation, out of any source available for dividends, to the stockholders according to their respective rights and interests, subject to the provisions of law and the Charter. Before payment of any dividend or other distribution, there may be set aside out of any assets of the Corporation available for dividends or other distributions such sum or sums as the board of directors may from time to time, in its absolute discretion, think proper as a reserve fund for contingencies, for equalizing dividends, for repairing or maintaining any property of the Corporation or for such other purpose as the board of directors shall determine, and the board of directors may modify or abolish any such reserve.

Section 4. Number, Tenure and Resignation of Directors. At any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose, a majority of the entire board of directors may establish, increase or decrease the number of directors, provided that the number thereof shall never be less than the minimum number required by the MGCL, nor more than 15, and further provided that the tenure of office of a director shall not be affected by any decrease in the number of directors. Any director of the Corporation may resign at any time by delivering his or her resignation to the board of directors, the chairman of the board or the secretary. Any resignation shall take effect immediately upon its receipt or at such later time specified in the resignation. The acceptance of a resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective unless otherwise stated in the resignation.

The names of the directors who are currently in office (each a "Current Director") are:

Russell E. Burke III George B. Langa Mark C. Winmill Thomas B. Winmill William C. Zachary

"Continuing Director" shall mean (i) each of the Current Directors, (ii) directors whose nomination for election by the Corporation's stockholders or whose election by the directors to fill vacancies on the board of directors is approved by a majority of the Current Directors then serving on the board of directors or (iii) any successor directors whose nomination for election by the stockholders or whose election by the directors to fill vacancies is approved by a majority of Continuing Directors or the successor Continuing Directors then in office. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, any amendment of this definition of "Continuing Director" shall be valid only if approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Continuing Directors then in office.

All acts done at any meeting of the directors or by any person acting as a director, so long as his successor shall not have been duly elected or appointed, shall, notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the election of the directors or of such person acting as a director or that they or any of them were disqualified, be as valid as if the directors or such other person, as the case may be, had been duly elected and were or was qualified to be directors or a director of the Corporation.

Directors need not be stockholders of the Corporation.

Section 5. Qualifications. To qualify as a nominee for a directorship or election as a director, an individual, at the time of nomination or election as the case may be, (i)(A) shall be a resident United States citizen and have substantial expertise, experience or relationships relevant to the business of the Corporation, (B) shall have a master's degree in economics, finance, business administration or accounting, a graduate professional degree in law from an accredited university or college in the United States or the equivalent degree from an equivalent institution of higher learning in another country, or a certification as a public accountant in the United States, or be deemed an "audit committee financial expert" as such term is defined in Item 401 of Regulation S-K (or any successor provision) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission; or (ii) shall be a current director of the Corporation.

In addition, to qualify as a nominee for a directorship or election as a director at the time of nomination or election as the case may be, (i) an incumbent nominee shall not have violated any provision of the Conflicts of Interest and Corporate Opportunities Policy (the "Policy"), adopted by the Board on July 8, 2003, as subsequently amended or modified, and (ii) an individual who is not an incumbent director shall not have a relationship, hold any position or office or otherwise engage in, or have engaged in, any activity that would result in a violation of the Policy if the individual were elected as a director.

In addition, to qualify as a nominee for a directorship or election as a director at the time of nomination or election as the case may be, a person shall not, if elected as a director, cause the Corporation to be in violation of, or not in compliance with, applicable law, regulation or regulatory interpretation, or the Charter, or any general policy adopted by the board of directors regarding either retirement age or the percentage of interested persons and non-interested persons to comprise the Corporation's board of directors.

The nominating committee of the board of directors, in its sole discretion, shall determine whether an individual satisfies the foregoing qualifications. Any individual nominated by the nominating committee of the board of directors shall be deemed to have satisfied the foregoing qualifications. Any individual not so nominated by the nominating committee of the board of directors shall be deemed not to satisfy the foregoing qualifications, unless the nominating committee adopts a resolution setting forth the affirmative determination that such individual satisfied the foregoing qualifications. Any individual who does not satisfy the qualifications set forth under the foregoing provisions of this Section 5 shall not be eligible for nomination or election as a director.

Section 6. Election. Unless the nominations of all nominees for director are approved by a majority of the Continuing Directors (as such term is defined herein), the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares of all classes of voting stock, voting together, shall be required to elect a director. If the nominations of all nominees for director are approved by a majority of the Continuing Directors, a plurality of all the votes cast at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be sufficient to elect a director.

Section 7. Vacancies and Newly Created Directorships. If for any reason any or all of the directors cease to be directors, such event shall not terminate the Corporation or affect these Bylaws or the powers of the remaining directors hereunder. Except as may be provided by the board of directors in setting the terms of any class or series of preferred stock, any vacancy on the board of directors may be filled only by a majority of the remaining directors, even if the remaining directors do not constitute a quorum, and any director elected to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the full term of the directorship in which the vacancy occurred and until a successor is elected and qualifies.

Section 8. Chairman of the Board. The chairman of the board of directors shall be the president if a director or, if not, the next most senior officer of the Corporation who is a member of the board of directors, and the chairman, or his designee, shall preside at all meetings of the board of directors. He or she shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him or her from time to time by the board of directors.

Section 9. Regular Meetings. The board of directors may provide, by resolution, the time and place of regular meetings of the board of directors without other notice than such resolution.

Section 10. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the board of directors may be called by or at the request of the chairman of the board, the president or a majority of the directors then in office. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the board of directors may fix the time and place of any special meeting of the board of directors called by them. The board of directors may provide, by resolution, the time and place of special meetings of the board of directors without other notice than such resolution. Notice of any special meeting of the board of directors shall be delivered personally or by telephone, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, courier or United States mail to each director at his or her business or residence address. Notice by personal delivery, telephone, electronic mail or facsimile transmission shall be given at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Notice by United States mail shall be given at least three days prior to the meeting. Notice by courier shall be given at least two days prior to the meeting. Telephone notice shall be deemed to be given when the director or his or her agent is personally given such notice in a telephone call to which the director or his or her agent is a party. Electronic mail notice shall be deemed to be given upon transmission of the message to the electronic mail address given to the Corporation by the director. Facsimile transmission notice shall be deemed to be given upon completion of the transmission of the message to the number given to the Corporation by the director and receipt of a completed answer-back indicating receipt. Notice by United States mail shall be deemed to be given when deposited in the United States mail properly addressed, with postage thereon prepaid. Notice by courier shall be deemed to be given when deposited with or delivered to a courier properly addressed. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any annual, regular or special meeting of the board of directors need be stated in the notice, unless specifically required by statute or these Bylaws.

Section 11. Telephone Meetings. Directors may participate in a meeting by means of a conference telephone or other communications equipment if all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time. Participation in a meeting by these means shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

Section 12. Quorum and Voting. A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the board of directors, provided that, if less than a majority of such directors is present at such meeting, a majority of the directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice, and provided further that if, pursuant to applicable law, the Charter or these Bylaws, the vote of a majority or other percentage of a specified group of directors is required for action, a quorum must also include a

majority or such other percentage of such group. The directors present at a meeting which has been duly called and at which a quorum has been established may continue to transact business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal from the meeting of enough directors to leave fewer than required to establish a quorum.

The action of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the action of the board of directors, unless the concurrence of a greater proportion is required for such action by applicable law, the Charter or these Bylaws. If enough directors have withdrawn from a meeting to leave fewer than required to establish a quorum, but the meeting is not adjourned, the action of the majority of that number of directors necessary to constitute a quorum at such meeting shall be the action of the board of directors, unless the concurrence of a greater proportion is required for such action by applicable law, the Charter or these Bylaws.

Section 13. Organization. At each meeting of the board of directors, the chairman of the board or, in the absence of the chairman, the vice chairman of the board, if any, shall act as chairman of the meeting. In the absence of both the chairman and vice chairman of the board, the president or, in the absence of the president, a director chosen by a majority of the directors present shall act as chairman of the meeting. The secretary or, in his or her absence, an assistant secretary of the Corporation or, in the absence of the secretary and all assistant secretaries, an individual appointed by the chairman of the meeting shall act as secretary of the meeting.

Section 14. Action Without a Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the board of directors may be taken without a meeting if a unanimous consent which sets forth the action is: (a) given in writing or by electronic transmission by each member of the board; and (b) filed in paper or electronic form with the minutes of proceedings of the board.

Section 15. Compensation of Directors. Directors shall not receive any stated salary for their services as directors but, by resolution of the board of directors, may receive compensation per year and/or per meeting and/or per visit to real property or other facilities owned or leased by the Corporation and for any service or activity they performed or engaged in as directors. Directors may be reimbursed for expenses of attendance, if any, at each annual, regular or special meeting of the board of directors or of any committee thereof and for their expenses, if any, in connection with each property visit and any other service or activity they perform or engage in as directors; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any directors from serving the Corporation in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefor.

Section 16. Reliance. Each director and officer of the Corporation shall, in the performance of his or her duties with respect to the Corporation, be entitled to rely on any information, opinion, report or statement, including any financial statement or other financial data, prepared or presented by an officer or employee of the Corporation whom the director or officer reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented, by a lawyer, certified public accountant or other person, as to a matter which the director or officer reasonably believes to be within the person's professional or expert competence, or, with respect to a director, by a committee of the board of directors on which the director does not serve, as to a matter within its designated authority, if the director reasonably believes the committee to merit confidence.

Section 17. Ratification. The board of directors or the stockholders may ratify any action or inaction by the Corporation or its officers to the extent that the board of directors or the stockholders could have originally authorized the matter and, if so ratified, such action or inaction shall have the same force and effect as if originally duly authorized, and such ratification shall be binding upon the Corporation and its stockholders. Any action or inaction questioned in any proceeding on the ground of lack of authority, defective or irregular execution, adverse interest of a director, officer or stockholder, non-disclosure, miscomputation, the application of improper principles or practices of accounting, or otherwise, may be ratified, before or after judgment, by the board of directors or by the stockholders, and such ratification shall constitute a bar to any claim or execution of any judgment in respect of such questioned action or inaction.

Section 18. Certain Rights of Directors and Officers. Any director or officer, in his or her personal capacity or in a capacity as an affiliate, employee or agent of any other person, or otherwise, may have business interests and engage in business activities similar to, in addition to or in competition with those of or relating to the Corporation.

Section 19. Emergency Provisions. Notwithstanding any other provision in the Charter or these Bylaws, this Section 19 shall apply during the existence of any catastrophe, or other similar emergency condition, as a result of which a quorum of the board of directors under Article III of these Bylaws cannot readily be obtained (an "Emergency"). During any Emergency, unless otherwise provided by the board of directors, (a) a meeting of the board of directors or a committee thereof may be called by any director or officer by any means feasible under the circumstances; (b) notice of any meeting of the board of directors during such an Emergency may be given less than 24 hours prior to the meeting to as many directors and by such means as may be feasible at the time, including publication, television or radio; and (c) the number of directors necessary to constitute a quorum shall be one-third of the entire board of directors.

# **ARTICLE IV – COMMITTEES**

Section 1. Organization. By resolution adopted by the board of directors, the board may appoint from among its members one or more committees, including an executive committee, each consisting of at least one director, to serve at the pleasure of the board of directors. The chairman of the board, if any, shall be a member of the executive committee.

There shall also be a committee of the board of directors consisting solely of all Continuing Directors then in office, which committee shall have the power to take all actions delegated to the Continuing Directors by the Charter or these Bylaws.

Section 2. Powers of the Executive Committee. Unless otherwise provided by resolution of the board of directors, when the board of directors is not in session the executive committee shall have and may exercise all powers of the board of directors in the direction of the management of the business and affairs of the Corporation that may lawfully be exercised by an executive committee.

Section 3. Powers of Other Committees of the board of directors. To the extent provided by resolution of the board, other committees of the board of directors shall have and may exercise any of the powers that may lawfully be granted to a committee of the board of directors. Except as may be otherwise provided by the board of directors, any committee may delegate some or all of its power and authority to one or

more subcommittees, composed of one or more directors, as the committee deems appropriate in its sole and absolute discretion.

Section 4. Proceedings and Quorum. Notice of committee meetings shall be given in the same manner as notice for special meetings of the board of directors. A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the committee. The act of a majority of the committee members present at a meeting shall be the act of such committee. The board of directors may designate a chairman of any committee, and such chairman or, in the absence of a chairman, any two members of any committee (if there are at least two members of the committee) may fix the time and place of its meeting unless the board of directors shall otherwise provide. In the absence of an appropriate resolution of the board of directors, each committee may adopt such other rules and regulations governing its proceedings and manner of acting as it shall deem proper and desirable. In the event any member of any committee is absent from any meeting, the members thereof present at the meeting, whether or not they constitute a quorum, may appoint a member of the board of directors to act in the place of such absent member.

Section 5. Written Consent by Committee. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of a committee of the board of directors may be taken without a meeting, if a consent in writing or by electronic transmission to such action is given by each member of the committee and is filed with the minutes of proceedings of such committee.

Section 6. Vacancies. Subject to the provisions hereof, the board of directors shall have the power at any time to change the membership of any committee, to fill all vacancies, to designate alternate members to replace any absent or disqualified member or to dissolve any such committee.

## **ARTICLE V – OFFICERS**

Section 1. Officers. The officers of the Corporation shall be a president, a secretary, and a treasurer, and may include one or more vice presidents (including executive and senior vice presidents), assistant secretaries or assistant treasurers, and such other officers as may be elected or appointed in accordance with the provisions of this Article V.

Section 2. Election, Tenure, and Qualifications. The officers of the Corporation shall be elected annually by the board of directors, except that the president may from time to time appoint one or more vice presidents, assistant secretaries and assistant treasurers or other officers. Each officer shall serve until his or her successor is elected and qualifies or until his or her death, or his or her resignation or removal in the manner hereinafter provided. Any person may hold one or more offices of the Corporation except that no one person may serve concurrently as both the president and vice president. A person who holds more than one office in the Corporation may not act in more than one capacity to execute, acknowledge, or verify an instrument required by law to be executed, acknowledged, or verified by more than one officer.

Section 3. Vacancies and Newly Created Offices. If any vacancy shall occur in any office by reason of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or other cause, or if any new office shall be created, such vacancies or newly created offices may be filled by the board of directors or the president.

Section 4. Removal and Resignation. If the board of directors in its judgment finds that the best interests of the Corporation will be served, it may remove any officer or agent of the Corporation at any time (either with or without cause), although the removal of an officer or agent does not prejudice any of his contract rights. Any officer may resign from office at any time by delivering a resignation to the board of directors, the chairman of the board, the president or the secretary. Any resignation shall take effect immediately upon its receipt or at such later time specified in the resignation. The acceptance of a resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective unless otherwise stated in the resignation. Such resignation shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the Corporation.

Section 5. President. The president shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation. Subject to the supervision of the board of directors, the president shall have general charge of the business, affairs, and property of the Corporation and general supervision over its officers, employees and agents. Except as the board of directors may otherwise order, the president may sign in the name and on behalf of the Corporation all deeds, bonds, contracts, or agreements. The president shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the board of directors.

Section 6. Vice President. Vice presidents (including executive and senior vice presidents) shall have such powers and perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned to them by the board of directors and the president. At the request of, or in the absence or in the event of the disability of, the president, the vice president (or, if there are two or more vice presidents (including executive and senior vice presidents)), then the highest ranking, and then the most senior, of the vice presidents present and able to act) may perform all the duties of the president and, when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the president.

Section 7. Treasurer and Assistant Treasurers. The treasurer shall be the chief accounting officer of the Corporation and shall have general charge of the finances and books of account of the Corporation. The treasurer shall perform all acts incidental to the office of treasurer, subject to the control of the board of directors and the president.

Any assistant treasurer may perform such duties of the treasurer as the treasurer, the president, and the board of directors may assign, and, in the absence of the treasurer, may perform all the duties of the treasurer.

Section 8. Secretary and Assistant Secretaries. The secretary shall attend to the giving and serving of all notices of the Corporation and shall record all proceedings of the meetings of the stockholders and directors in books to be kept for that purpose. The secretary shall keep in safe custody the records of the Corporation, including the stock books and such other books and papers as the board of directors and president may direct and such books, reports, certificates and other documents required by law to be kept, all of which shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by any director. The secretary shall perform such other duties which appertain to this office or as may be required by the board of directors and the president.

Any assistant secretary may perform such duties of the secretary as the secretary, the president, and the board of directors may assign, and,

in the absence of the secretary, may perform all the duties of the secretary.

Section 9. Remuneration. The salary or other compensation of the president of the Corporation shall be fixed from time to time by resolution of the board of directors, and the president shall have the power to fix the salaries or other compensation of any subordinate officers or agents appointed in accordance with the provisions of this Article V.

Section 10. Loans and Guarantees. The Corporation may lend money to, guarantee an obligation of, or otherwise assist an officer or other employee of the Corporation or of its direct or indirect subsidiary, including an officer or employee who is a director of the Corporation or the subsidiary, if the loan, guarantee, or assistance (1) in the judgment of the directors, reasonably may be expected to benefit the Corporation; or (2) is an advance made against indemnification in accordance with the MGCL. The loan, guarantee, or other assistance may be: (1) with or without interest; (2) unsecured; or (3) secured in any manner that the board of directors approves, including a pledge of the stock of the Corporation.

Section 11. Surety Bonds. The board of directors may require any officer or agent of the Corporation to execute a bond (including, without limitation, any bond required by applicable law, and the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission promulgated thereunder) to the Corporation in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the board of directors may determine, conditioned upon the faithful performance of his or her duties to the Corporation, including responsibility for negligence and for the accounting of any of the Corporation's property, funds or securities that may come into his or her hands.

## **ARTICLE VI – CAPITAL STOCK**

Section 1. Certificates of Stock. Except as may be otherwise provided by the board of directors or any officer of the Corporation, stockholders of the Corporation are not entitled to certificates representing the shares of stock held by them. In the event that the Corporation issues shares of stock represented by certificates, such certificates shall be in such form as prescribed by the board of directors or a duly authorized officer, shall contain the statements and information required by the MGCL and shall be signed by the officers of the Corporation in any manner permitted by the MGCL. In the event that the Corporation issues shares of stock without certificates, to the extent then required by the MGCL, the Corporation shall provide to the record holders of such shares a written statement of the information required by the MGCL to be included on stock certificates. There shall be no differences in the rights and obligations of stockholders based on whether or not their shares are represented by certificates.

Section 2. Transfer of Shares. All transfers of shares of stock shall be made on the books of the Corporation, by the holder of the shares, in person or by his or her attorney, in such manner as the board of directors or any officer of the Corporation may prescribe and, if such shares are certificated, upon surrender of certificates duly endorsed. The issuance of a new certificate upon the transfer of certificated shares is subject to the determination of the board of directors or an officer of the Corporation that such shares shall no longer be represented by certificates. Upon the transfer of any uncertificated shares, the Corporation shall provide to the record holders of such shares, to the extent then required by the MGCL, a written statement of the information required by the MGCL to be included on stock certificates.

The Corporation shall be entitled to treat the holder of record of any share of stock as the holder in fact thereof and, accordingly, shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to or interest in such share or on the part of any other person, whether or not it shall have express or other notice thereof, except as otherwise expressly provided by the laws of the State of Maryland.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, transfers of shares of any class or series of stock will be subject in all respects to the Charter and all of the terms and conditions contained therein.

Section 3. Stock Ledgers. The stock ledgers of the Corporation, containing the names and addresses of the stockholders and the number of shares held by them respectively, shall be kept at the principal office of the Corporation or, if the Corporation employs a transfer agent, at the offices of the transfer agent of the Corporation. The stock ledgers of the Corporation shall be considered confidential and shall not be made available, except as required by applicable law to be made available to stockholders of record for a proper purpose in such capacity.

Section 4. Transfer Agents and Registrars. The board of directors may from time to time appoint or remove transfer agents and/or registrars of transfers of shares of stock of the Corporation, and it may appoint the same person as both transfer agent and registrar.

Section 5. Fixing of Record Date. The board of directors may set, in advance, a record date for the purpose of determining stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at any meeting of stockholders or determining stockholders entitled to receive payment of any dividend or the allotment of any other rights, or in order to make a determination of stockholders for any other proper purpose. Such date, in any case, shall not be prior to the close of business on the day the record date is fixed and shall be not more than 90 days and, in the case of a meeting of stockholders, not less than ten days, before the date on which the meeting or particular action requiring such determination of stockholders of record is to be held or taken.

When a record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at any meeting of stockholders has been set as provided in this section, such record date shall continue to apply to the meeting if postponed or adjourned, except if the meeting is postponed or adjourned to a date more than 120 days after the record date originally fixed for the meeting, in which case a new record date for such meeting shall be determined as set forth herein.

Section 6. Lost, Stolen, or Destroyed Certificates. Any officer of the Corporation may direct a new certificate or certificates to be issued in place of any certificate or certificates theretofore issued by the Corporation alleged to have been lost, destroyed, stolen or mutilated, upon the making of an affidavit of that fact by the person claiming the certificate to be lost, destroyed, stolen or mutilated; provided, however, if such shares have ceased to be certificated, no new certificate shall be issued unless requested in writing by such stockholder and the board of directors or an officer of the Corporation has determined that such certificates may be issued. Unless otherwise determined by an officer of the Corporation, the owner of such lost, destroyed, stolen or mutilated certificates, or his or her legal representative, shall be required, as a condition precedent to the issuance of a new certificate or certificates, to give the Corporation a bond in such sums as it

### ARTICLE VII – CONFLICT OF INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Section 1. General Rule. If section 2 of this Article VII is complied with, a contract or other transaction between the Corporation and any of its directors or between the Corporation and any other corporation, firm, or other entity in which any of its directors is a director or has a material financial interest is not void or voidable solely because of any one or more of the following: (1) the common directorship or interest; (2) the presence of the director at the meeting of the board or a committee of the board which authorizes, approves, or ratifies the contract or transaction; or (3) the counting of the vote of the director for the authorization, approval, or ratification of the contract or transaction.

Section 2. Disclosure and Ratification. Section 1 of this Article VII applies if: (1) the fact of the common directorship or interest is disclosed or known to: (i) the board of directors or a committee of the board of directors, and the board or committee authorizes, approves, or ratifies the contract or transaction by the affirmative vote of a majority of disinterested directors, even if the disinterested directors constitute less than a quorum; or (ii) the stockholders entitled to vote, and the contract or transaction is authorized, approved, or ratified by a majority of the votes cast by the stockholders entitled to vote other than the votes of shares owned of record or beneficially by the interested director or corporation, firm, or other entity; or (2) the contract or transaction is fair and reasonable to the Corporation.

Section 3. Counting Common or Interested Directors in Determining Quorum. Common or interested directors or the stock owned by them or by an interested corporation, firm, or other entity may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the board of directors or a committee of the board or at a meeting of the stockholders, as the case may be, at which the contract or transaction is authorized, approved, or ratified.

#### ARTICLE VIII – FISCAL YEAR AND ACCOUNTANT

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall, unless otherwise ordered by the board of directors, be twelve calendar months ending on the 31st day of December.

Section 2. Accountant. The Corporation shall employ an independent public accountant or a firm of independent public accountants as its accountants to examine the accounts of the Corporation and to sign and/or certify financial statements filed by the Corporation. The employment of the accountant shall be conditioned upon the right of the Corporation to terminate the employment forthwith without any penalty by vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities at any stockholders' meeting called for that purpose.

#### ARTICLE IX - INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

Section 1. Indemnification of Directors and Officers. To the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law in effect from time to time, the Corporation shall indemnify and, without requiring a preliminary determination of the ultimate entitlement to indemnification, shall pay or reimburse reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding to (a) any individual who is a present or former director or officer of the Corporation and who is made or threatened to be made a party to, or witness in, the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity or (b) any individual who, while a director or officer of the Corporation and at the request of the Corporation, serves or has served as a director, officer, trustee, member, manager or partner of another corporation, real estate investment trust, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise and who is made or threatened to be made a party to, or witness in, the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity. The rights to indemnification and advance of expenses provided by the Charter and these Bylaws shall vest immediately upon election of a director or officer. The Corporation may, with the approval of its board of directors, provide such indemnification and advance for expenses to an individual who served a predecessor of the Corporation in any of the capacities described in (a) or (b) above and to any employee or agent of the Corporation or a predecessor of the Corporation.

Section 2. Insurance of Directors, Officers, Employees and Agents. The Corporation may purchase and maintain insurance or other sources of reimbursement to the extent permitted by law on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, trustee, member, manager or partner of another corporation, real estate investment trust, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise against any liability asserted against him or her and incurred by him or her in or arising out of his position.

Section 3. Non-exclusivity. The indemnification and payment or reimbursement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, this Article IX shall not be deemed exclusive of or limit in any way any other rights to which those seeking indemnification or payment or reimbursement of expenses may be entitled under the Charter, these Bylaws, an agreement, a vote of stockholders or directors, or otherwise, both as to action in his or her official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office.

Section 4. Amendment. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, no amendment, alteration or repeal of this Article IX or the adoption, alteration or amendment of any other provisions to the Charter or these Bylaws inconsistent with this Article IX shall adversely affect any right or protection of any person under this Article IX with respect to any act or failure to act which occurred prior to such amendment, alteration, repeal or adoption.

#### **ARTICLE X – WAIVER OF NOTICE**

Whenever any notice of a meeting is required to be given pursuant to the Charter or these Bylaws or pursuant to applicable law, a waiver thereof in writing or by electronic transmission, given by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. Neither the business to be transacted at nor the purpose of any meeting need be set forth in the waiver of notice of such meeting, unless specifically required by statute. The attendance of any person at

any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where such person attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting has not been lawfully called or convened.

#### ARTICLE XI - EXCLUSIVE FORUM FOR CERTAIN LITIGATION

Unless the Corporation consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Maryland, or, if that Court does not have jurisdiction, other state courts of the State of Maryland or, if no state court located within the State of Maryland has jurisdiction, the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, Baltimore Division, shall be the sole and exclusive forum for (a) any derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf of the Corporation, (b) any action asserting a claim of breach of any duty owed by any director or officer or other employee of the Corporation to the Corporation or to the stockholders of the Corporation, (c) any action asserting a claim against the Corporation or any director or officer or other employee of the Corporation to interpret, apply, enforce or determine the validity of the Charter or these Bylaws, or (e) any action asserting a claim against the Corporation within the scope of these Bylaws is filed in a court other than a court located within the State of Maryland (a "Foreign Action") in the name of any stockholder, such stockholder shall be deemed to have consented to (i) the personal jurisdiction of the state and federal courts located within the State of Maryland in connection with any action brought in any such court to enforce this Article XI, and (ii) having service of process made upon such stockholder in any such action by service upon such stockholder's coursel in the Foreign Action as agent for such stockholder.

#### ARTICLE XII - ADOPTION, ALTERATION OR REPEAL OF BYLAWS

Except as otherwise expressly provided in these Bylaws, the board of directors shall have the exclusive power to adopt, alter or repeal any provision of these Bylaws and to make new Bylaws.

#### FIRST AMENDMENT TO RIGHTS AGREEMENT

FIRST AMENDMENT TO RIGHTS AGREEMENT (this "<u>Amendment</u>") dated as of October 20, 2017 by and between GLOBAL SELF STORAGE, INC., a Maryland corporation (the "<u>Company</u>") and AMERICAN STOCK TRANSFER & TRUST COMPANY, LLC, as Rights Agent ("<u>Rights Agent</u>").

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Company and the Rights Agent are parties to the Rights Agreement dated as of January 29, 2016 (the "<u>Rights Agreement</u>");

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to amend the Rights Agreement to advance the Final Expiration Date from January 29, 2026 to October 20, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto do hereby agree as follows:

1. <u>Definitions</u>. Capitalized terms used in this Amendment that are not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Rights Agreement.

2. <u>Amendments to Rights Agreement</u>. The Rights Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

a. Section 1(n) of the Rights Agreement (definition of "Final Expiration Date") is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

"(n) "Final Expiration Date" shall mean the Close of Business on October 20, 2017."

Amendment.

b. Exhibits B and C to the Rights Agreement shall be deemed amended in a manner consistent with this

3. <u>Effectiveness of Rights Agreement</u>. The Rights Agreement as amended by this Amendment is in all respects ratified and confirmed and shall remain in full force and effect.

4. <u>General</u>.

a. This Amendment shall be deemed to be a contract made under the laws of the State of Maryland and for all purposes shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of such State applicable to contracts to be made and performed entirely within the State of Maryland, including its principles of conflicts of law.

b. This Amendment shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

c. This Amendment cannot be amended orally, or by any course of conduct or dealing, but only by a written agreement signed by the party to be charged therewith.

d. The waiver by any party of a breach or violation of any provision of this Amendment shall not operate as or be construed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach.

e. This Amendment may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

f. The undersigned officer of the Company, being duly authorized on behalf of the Company, hereby certifies in his or her capacity as an officer on behalf of the Company to the Rights Agent that this Amendment is in compliance with the terms of Section 27 of the Rights Agreement, and such certification shall be deemed a certificate which complies with Section 20(b) of the Rights Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Amendment has been executed for and on behalf of the undersigned as of the day and year first written above.

GLOBAL SELF STORAGE, INC.

By: /s/ Mark C. Winmill

Name: Mark C. Winmill Title: President

# AMERICAN STOCK TRANSFER & TRUST COMPANY, LLC

By: /s/ Carlos Pinto

Name: Carlos Pinto Title: Senior Vice President

# GLOBAL SELF STORAGE, INC. 2017 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

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#### **GLOBAL SELF STORAGE, INC.**

# **2017 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**

Global Self Storage, Inc., a Maryland corporation, wishes to attract and retain qualified key employees, directors, officers, advisors, consultants, and other personnel and encourage their efforts to make the Company's business more successful whether directly or through its Subsidiaries or other affiliates. In furtherance thereof, the Global Self Storage, Inc. 2017 Equity Incentive Plan is designed to provide equity-based incentives to certain Eligible Persons. Awards under the Plan may be made to Eligible Persons in the form of Options, Share Appreciation Right, Restricted Shares, Restricted Share Units, Dividend Equivalent Rights, or other forms of equity-based compensation as determined in the discretion of the Board, the Committee, or other designee thereof.

#### 1. **DEFINITIONS**

Whenever used herein, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

"Award" except where referring to a particular category of grant under the Plan, shall include Incentive Share Options, Non-Qualified Share Options, or other Options, Share Appreciation Rights, Restricted Shares, Restricted Share Units, Dividend Equivalent Rights, or other equity-based Awards as contemplated herein.

"Award Agreement" means a written agreement in a form approved by the Committee to be entered into between the Company and the Participant as provided in Section 3.

"Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.

"Cause" means, unless otherwise provided in the Participant's Award Agreement, (i) engaging in (A) willful or gross misconduct or (B) willful or gross neglect; (ii) repeatedly failing to adhere to the directions of superiors or the Board or the written policies and practices of the Company or its Subsidiaries or its affiliates; (iii) the commission of a felony or a crime of moral turpitude, dishonesty, breach of trust, or unethical business conduct, or any crime involving the Company or its Subsidiaries, or any affiliate thereof; (iv) fraud, misappropriation, or embezzlement; (v) a material breach of the Participant's employment agreement (if any) with the Company, its Subsidiaries, or any affiliate thereof; (vi) acts or omissions constituting a material failure to perform substantially and adequately the duties assigned to the Participant; (vii) any illegal act detrimental to the Company, its Subsidiaries, or any affiliate thereof; or (viii) repeated failure to devote substantially all of the Participant's business time and efforts to the Company, its Subsidiaries, or any affiliate thereof if required by the Participant's employment agreement; **provided**, **however**, **that**, if at any particular time the Participant is subject to an effective employment agreement with the Company, then, in lieu of the foregoing definition, "**Cause**" shall at that time have such meaning as may be specified in such employment agreement.

"Change in Control" shall mean the happening of any of the following:

- (a) any "person," including a "group" (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act, but excluding the Company, its directors, officers, and employees, any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Company, any trustee, fiduciary, or other person or entity holding securities under any employee benefit plan or trust of the Company) or any such entity that is or becomes the "beneficial owner" (as defined in Rule 13(d)(3) under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company representing 30% or more of either (A) the combined voting power of the Company's then outstanding securities or (B) the then outstanding Shares (in either such case other than as a result of an acquisition of securities directly from the Company); **provided**, **however**, **that**, in no event shall a Change in Control be deemed to have occurred upon an initial public offering of the Common Shares under the Securities Act; or
- (b) any consolidation or merger of the Company where the shareholders of the Company, immediately prior to the consolidation or merger, would not, immediately after the consolidation or merger, beneficially own (as such term is defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, shares representing in the aggregate 50% or more of the combined voting power of the securities of the corporation issuing cash or securities in the consolidation or merger (or of its ultimate parent corporation, if any) in substantially the same proportion as their ownership of the combined voting power of the securities of the corporation immediately prior to such consolidation or merger; or
- (c) there shall occur (A) any sale, lease, exchange, or other transfer (in one transaction or a series of transactions contemplated or arranged by any party as a single plan) of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, other than a sale or disposition by the Company of all or substantially all of the Company's assets to an entity, at least 50% of the combined voting power of the voting securities of which are owned by "persons" (as defined above) in substantially the same proportion as their ownership of the Company immediately prior to such sale or (B) the approval by shareholders of the Company of any plan or proposal for the liquidation or dissolution of the Company; or

(d) the members of the Board at the beginning of any consecutive 24-calendar-month period (the " Incumbent Directors") cease for any reason other than due to death to constitute at least a majority of the members of the Board; provided that any director whose election, or nomination for election by the Company's shareholders, was approved or ratified by a vote of at least a majority of the members of the Board at the beginning of such 24-calendar-month period, shall be deemed to be an Incumbent Director.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Committee" means the Compensation Committee of the Board.

"Common Shares" means the shares of the Company which are common stock, par value \$.01 per share, either currently existing or authorized hereafter.

"Company" means the Global Self Storage, Inc., a Maryland corporation.

"Covered 162(m) Employee" means an employee who is a "covered employee" within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code.

"**Disability**" means, unless otherwise provided by the Committee in the Participant's Award Agreement, a disability which renders the Participant incapable of performing all of his or her material duties for a period of at least 180 consecutive or non-consecutive days during any consecutive twelve-month period.

"Dividend Equivalent Right" means a right awarded under Section 9 of the Plan to receive (or have credited) the equivalent value of dividends paid on Shares.

"Effective Date" means the date described in Section 2.

"Eligible Person" means a key employee, director, officer, advisor, consultant, or other full or part-time personnel of the Company and its Subsidiaries or other person expected to provide significant services (of a type expressly approved by the Committee as covered services for these purposes) to the Company or its Subsidiaries. The Committee may provide that employees of the Company's affiliates may be Eligible Persons, and may make such arrangements with the foregoing entities as it may consider appropriate, in light of tax and other considerations, in the case of grants directly or indirectly to such employees.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

"Exercise Price" means the price per Share, determined by the Board or the Committee, at which an Option or Share Appreciation Right, as applicable, may be exercised, which shall not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the day the Option or Stock Appreciation Right, as applicable, is granted or repriced.

"Fair Market Value" per Share as of a particular date means (i) if Shares are then listed on a national stock exchange, the closing sales price per Share on the exchange for the last preceding date on which there was a sale of Shares on such exchange, as determined by the Committee, (ii) if Shares are not then listed on a national stock exchange but are then traded on an over-the-counter market, the average of the closing bid and asked prices for the Shares in such over-the-counter market for the last preceding date on which there was a sale of such Shares in such market, as determined by the Committee, or (iii) if Shares are not then listed on a national stock exchange or traded on an over-the-counter market, such value as the Committee in its discretion may in good faith determine; provided that, where the Shares are so listed or traded, the Committee may make such discretionary determinations where the Shares have not been traded for 10 trading days.

"Grantee" means an Eligible Person granted Restricted Shares, Restricted Share Units, Dividend Equivalent Rights or such other equity-based Awards as may be granted pursuant to Section 10.

"Incentive Share Option" means an "incentive stock option" within the meaning of Section 422(b) of the Code.

"Non-Qualified Share Option" means an Option which is not an Incentive Share Option.

"**Option**" means the right to purchase, at a price and for the term fixed by the Committee in accordance with the Plan, and subject to such other limitations and restrictions in the Plan and the applicable Award Agreement, a number of Shares determined by the Committee.

"**Optionee**" means an Eligible Person to whom an Option or Share Appreciation Right is granted, or the Successors of the Optionee, as the context so requires.

"Participant" means a Grantee or Optionee.

"Performance Criteria" means the criteria that the Committee selects for purposes of establishing the Performance Goal or Performance Goals that will apply to a Qualified Performance-Based Award for a Participant for a Performance Cycle. The Performance Criteria (which shall be applicable to the organizational level specified by the Committee, including, but not limited to, the Company or a unit, division, group, or Subsidiary of the Company) that will be used to establish Performance Goals are limited to one or more of the following: earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, net income (loss) (either before or after interest, taxes, depreciation and/or amortization), changes in the market price of the Shares, economic value-added, funds from operations or similar measure, sales or revenue, acquisitions or strategic transactions, increases in revenue, net operating income (loss) or similar measure, cash flow (including, but not limited to, operating cash flow and free cash flow), return on capital, assets, equity, or investment, shareholder returns, return on sales, gross or net profit levels, productivity, expense, margins, operating efficiency, customer satisfaction, working capital, earnings (loss) per share, rent growth, occupancy growth, objectively determinable expense management, capital deployment, development milestones, dividend coverage, or sales or market shares, any of which may be measured either in absolute terms, or on an

incremental basis, on a per share basis, or based on results compared to results of a peer group, which may be determined in the discretion of the Committee.

"**Performance Cycle**" means one or more periods of time, which may be of varying and overlapping durations, as the Committee may select, over which the attainment of one or more Performance Criteria will be measured for the purpose of determining a Participant's right to and the payment of a performance-based Award.

"**Performance Goals**" means, for a Performance Cycle, the specific goals established in writing by the Committee for a Performance Cycle, which (i) must be based upon the Performance Criteria for any Qualified Performance-Based Award, and (ii) may be based on the Performance Criteria or any other performance objectives, as determined by the Committee, for Awards that are not Qualified Performance-Based Awards.

"Plan" means the Company's 2017 Equity Incentive Plan, as set forth herein and as the same may from time to time be amended.

"Qualified Performance-Based Award" has the meaning set forth in Section 11.2 of the Plan.

"Restricted Shares" means an award of Shares that are subject to restrictions hereunder.

"Restricted Share Unit" means a right, pursuant to the Plan, of the Grantee to payment of the Restricted Share Unit Value.

"**Restricted Share Unit Value**," per Restricted Share Unit, means the Fair Market Value of a Share of Common Shares, or, if so provided by the Committee, such Fair Market Value to the extent in excess of a base value established by the Committee at the time of grant.

"Restricted Share Unit Vesting Date" means the date determined under Section 8.4(c)(i).

"**Retirement**" means, unless otherwise provided by the Committee in the Participant's Award Agreement, the Termination of Service (other than for Cause) of a Participant on or after the Participant's attainment of age 65 or on or after the Participant's attainment of age 55 with five consecutive years of service with the Company and or its Subsidiaries or its affiliates.

"Section 409A" means Section 409A of the Code and the regulations and other guidance promulgated thereunder.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

"Settlement Date" means the date determined under Section 8.4(c)(i).

"Shares" means shares of beneficial interest of the Company.

"Share Appreciation Right" means an Award, pursuant to the Plan, entitling the Optionee to receive for the term fixed by the Committee in accordance with the Plan, and subject to such other limitations and restrictions in the Plan and the applicable Award Agreement, a combination of Shares and cash, or, in the discretion of the Committee, either Shares or solely in cash, with an aggregate Fair Market Value (or, to the extent of payment in cash, in an amount) equal to the excess of the Fair Market Value of the Shares with respect to which the Share Appreciation Right is being exercised over the aggregate Exercise Price, as determined as of the day the Share Appreciation Right is exercised.

"Specified Employee" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 409A, provided, however, that, as permitted in such final regulations, the Company's Specified Employees and its application of the six-month delay rule of Code Section 409A(a)(2)(B)(i) shall be determined in accordance with rules adopted by the Board or the Committee, which shall be applied consistently with respect to all nonqualified deferred compensation arrangements of the Company, including this Plan.

"Subsidiary" means any corporation (other than the Company) that is a "subsidiary corporation" with respect to the Company under Section 424(f) of the Code. In the event the Company becomes a subsidiary of another company, the provisions hereof applicable to subsidiaries shall, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, also be applicable to any company that is a "parent corporation" with respect to the Company under Section 424(e) of the Code.

"Successor of the Optionee" means the legal representative of the estate of a deceased Optionee or the person or persons who shall acquire the right to exercise an Option or Share Appreciation Right, as applicable, by bequest or inheritance or by reason of the death of the Optionee.

"Termination of Service" means a Participant's termination of employment or other service, as applicable, with the Company and/or its Subsidiaries.

### 2. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERMINATION OF PLAN

The effective date (the "Effective Date") of the Plan is the date on which it is approved by the Board. The Plan shall terminate on, and no Award shall be granted hereunder on or after, the 10-year anniversary of the earlier of the Effective Date; provided, however, that the Board may at any time prior to that date terminate the Plan.

3.1. The Plan shall be administered by the Committee appointed by the Board. The Committee, upon and after such time as it is covered in Section 16 of the Exchange Act, shall consist of at least two individuals each of whom shall be a "nonemployee director" as defined in Rule 16b-3 as promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("**Rule 16b-3**") under the Exchange Act and shall, at such times as the Company is subject to Section 162(m) of the Code (to the extent relief from the limitation of Section 162(m) of the Code is sought with respect to Awards), qualify as "outside directors" for purposes of Section 162(m) of the Code; **provided that** no action taken by the Committee (including without limitation grants) shall be invalidated because any or all of the members of the Committee fails to satisfy the foregoing requirements of this sentence. The acts of a majority of the entire Committee, shall be the acts of the entire Committee for purposes of the Plan. If and to the extent applicable, no member of the Committee may act as to matters under the Plan specifically relating to such member. Notwithstanding the other foregoing provisions of this Section 3.1, any Award under the Plan to a person who is a member of the Committee shall be made and administered by the Board. If no Committee is designated by the Board to act for these purposes, the Board shall have the rights and responsibilities of the Committee hereunder and under the Award Agreements.

3.2. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee shall in its discretion as reflected by the terms of the Award Agreements or otherwise: (i) authorize the granting of Awards to Eligible Persons; (ii) determine the eligibility of Eligible Persons to receive an Award; (iii) determine the number of Shares to be covered under any Award Agreement, considering the position and responsibilities of the Eligible Persons, the nature and value to the Company of the Eligible Person's present and potential contribution to the success of the Company whether directly or through its Subsidiaries and such other factors as the Committee may deem relevant; (iv) approve the form of Award Agreement; (v) determine the terms applicable to each Award, which may differ among individual Awards and Participants; (vi) accelerate at any time the exercisability or vesting of all or any portion of any Award; (vii) subject to the provisions of Section 5.3(a) or 6.3(a), as applicable, extend at any time the period in which Options or Share Appreciation Rights may be exercised; (viii) determine the extent to which the transferability of Shares issued or transferred pursuant to an Award is restricted; (ix) interpret the terms and provisions of the Plan and any Award; (x) make all determinations it deems advisable for the administration of the Plan; (xi) decide all disputes arising in connection with the Plan; and (xii) otherwise supervise the administration of the Plan.

3.3. Each Award Agreement shall contain such other terms, provisions, and conditions not inconsistent herewith as shall be determined by the Committee. In the event that any Award Agreement or other agreement hereunder provides (without regard to this sentence) for the obligation of the Company or any affiliate thereof to purchase or repurchase Shares from a Participant or any other person, then, notwithstanding the provisions of the Award Agreement or such other agreement, such obligation shall not apply to the extent that the purchase or repurchase would not be permitted under governing state law. The Participant shall take whatever additional actions and execute whatever additional documents the Committee may, in its reasonable judgment, deem necessary or advisable in order to carry out or effect one or more of the obligations or restrictions imposed on the Participant pursuant to the express provisions of the Plan and the Award Agreement.

# 4. SHARES AND UNITS SUBJECT TO THE PLAN

4.1. 760,000 Shares are available for grants under this Plan, subject to adjustments as provided in Section 15, of which 760,000 Shares can be issued as Incentive Share Options. Shares distributed under the Plan may be treasury Shares or authorized but unissued Shares.

4.2. Any Shares that have been granted as Restricted Shares or that have been reserved for distribution in payment for Options, Share Appreciation Rights, Restricted Share Units, or other equity-based Awards will be subtracted from the Plan Share reserve as of the date of grant, but may be added back to such reserve in accordance with this Section 4.2:

- (a) Any Shares with respect to Awards that are later cancelled, expire, are forfeited, or lapse for any reason will again be made the subject of Awards under the Plan.
- (b) If any Restricted Share Units, Dividend Equivalent Rights, or other equity-based Awards under Section 10 are paid in cash (other than Stock Appreciation Rights), then the underlying Shares will again be made the subject of Awards under the Plan.
- (c) Awards granted in substitution, assumption, continuation, or adjustment of outstanding Awards pursuant to Section 15 will not count against the number of Shares remaining available for issuance under the Plan.
- (d) Subject to applicable law, stock exchange rules, and plan provisions, shares available under a shareholderapproved plan of an entity acquired by the Company (as adjusted) may be issued under the Plan pursuant to Awards granted to individuals who were not employees of the Company immediately before such acquisition and will not count against the number of Shares remaining available for issuance under the Plan.
- (e) Shares subject to Dividend Equivalent Rights, other than Dividend Equivalent Rights based directly on the dividends payable with respect to Shares subject to Options or Share Appreciation Rights, or the dividends payable on a number of Shares corresponding to the number of Restricted Share Units awarded, shall be subject to the limitation of

### Section 4.1.

4.3. The certificates, if any, for Shares issued hereunder may include any legend which the Committee deems appropriate to reflect any rights of first refusal or other restrictions on transfer hereunder or under the Award Agreement, or as the Committee may otherwise deem appropriate.

# 5. PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO SHARE OPTIONS

5.1. **Grant of Option**. Subject to the other terms of the Plan, the Committee shall, in its discretion as reflected by the terms of the applicable Award Agreement: (i) determine and designate from time to time those Eligible Persons to whom Options are to be granted and the number of Shares to be optioned to each Eligible Person; (ii) determine whether to grant Options intended to be Incentive Share Options, or to grant Non-Qualified Share Options, or both (to the extent that any Option does not qualify as an Incentive Share Option, it shall constitute a separate Non-Qualified Share Option); **provided that** Incentive Share Options may only be granted to employees of the Company or its Subsidiaries; (iii) determine the time or times when and the manner and condition in which each Option shall be exercisable and the duration of the exercise period; (iv) accelerate at any time the exercisability or vesting of all or any portion of any Option pursuant to the Award Agreement at the time of grant or thereafter; and (v) determine or impose other conditions to the grant or exercise of Options under the Plan as it may deem appropriate.

5.2. **Exercise Price**. The Exercise Price shall be determined by the Committee on the date the Option is granted and reflected in the Award Agreement (as the same may be amended from time to time) and shall not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the day the Option is granted. Subject to the foregoing, any particular Award Agreement may provide for different Exercise Prices for specified amounts of Shares subject to the Option. Except as provided in Section 15, (i) the Exercise Price of an outstanding Option right may not be reduced, directly or indirectly by cancelation, regrant, or otherwise, without shareholder approval, and (ii) an outstanding Option with an Exercise Price in excess of the then Fair Market Value may not be cancelled for consideration payable in cash or equity securities of the Company without shareholder approval.

### 5.3. Period of Option and Vesting.

- (a) Unless earlier expired, forfeited, or otherwise terminated, each Option shall expire in its entirety upon the 10th anniversary of the date of grant or on such other date (which may be earlier, but not later) as is set forth in the applicable Award Agreement (except that, in the case of an individual described in Section 422(b)(6) of the Code (relating to certain 10% owners) who is granted an Incentive Share Option, the term of such Option shall be no more than five years from the date of grant). The Option shall also expire, be forfeited, and terminate at such times and in such circumstances as otherwise provided hereunder, under the Award Agreement at the time of grant, or as determined thereafter by the Committee.
- (b) Each Option, to the extent that the Optionee has not had a Termination of Service and the Option has not otherwise lapsed, expired, terminated, or been forfeited, shall first become exercisable according to the terms and conditions set forth in the Award Agreement at the time of grant or as determined thereafter by the Committee, which may include Performance Goals. Unless otherwise provided in the Award Agreement at the time of grant or as determined thereafter by the Committee, no Option (or portion thereof) shall ever be exercisable if the Optionee has a Termination of Service before the time at which such Option (or portion thereof) would otherwise have become exercisable, and any Option that would otherwise become exercisable after such Termination of Service shall not become exercisable and shall be forfeited upon such termination. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 5.3(b), Options exercisable pursuant to the schedule set forth by the Committee at the time of grant may be fully or more rapidly exercisable or otherwise vested at any time in the discretion of the Committee. Upon and after the death of an Optionee, such Optionee's Options, if and to the extent otherwise exercisable hereunder or under the applicable Award Agreement after the Optionee's death, may be exercised by the Successors of the Optionee.

### 5.4. Exercisability Upon and After Termination of Service of Optionee.

(a) Subject to provisions set forth in the Award Agreement at the time of grant or as determined thereafter by the Committee, in the event the Optionee has a Termination of Service other than by the Company and/or its Subsidiaries for Cause, or other than by reason of death, Retirement, or Disability, no exercise of an Option may occur after the expiration of the three-month period to follow such termination, or if earlier, the expiration of the term of the Option as provided under Section 5.3(a); **provided that**, if the Optionee should die after the Termination of Service, such termination being for a reason other than Disability or Retirement, but while the Option is still in effect, the Option (if and to the extent otherwise exercisable by the Optionee at the time of death) may be exercised until the earlier of (i) one year from the date of the Termination of Service of the Optionee, or (ii) the date on which the term of the Option expires in accordance with Section 5.3(a).

Option (if and to the extent otherwise exercisable by the Optionee at the time of the Termination of Service) may be exercised until the earlier of (i) one year from the date of the Termination of Service of the Optionee, or (ii) the date on which the term of the Option expires in accordance with Section 5.3.

- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, unless otherwise provided in the Award Agreement at the time of grant or determined thereafter by the Committee, if the Optionee has a Termination of Service by the Company for Cause, the Optionee's Options, to the extent then unexercised, shall thereupon cease to be exercisable and shall be forfeited forthwith.
- (d) Any Option that is not exercisable at the time of the Termination of Service or is not exercised within the applicable time periods described in this Section 5.4 shall cease to be exercisable and shall be forfeited forthwith.

#### 5.5. **Exercise of Options**.

- (a) Subject to vesting, restrictions on exercisability, and other restrictions provided for hereunder or otherwise imposed in accordance herewith, an Option may be exercised in whole or in part, and payment in full of the Exercise Price made, by an Optionee only by written notice (in the form prescribed by the Committee) to the Company specifying the number of Shares to be purchased.
- (b) Without limiting the scope of the Committee's discretion hereunder, the Committee may impose such other restrictions on the exercise of Incentive Share Options (whether or not in the nature of the foregoing restrictions) as it may deem necessary or appropriate.

### 5.6. Payment.

- (a) The Exercise Price shall be paid in full upon the exercise of the Option. Payment must be made by one of the following methods:
  - (i) Cash, a certified or bank cashier's check, or wire transfer;
  - (ii) if approved by the Committee in its discretion, Shares of previously owned Common Shares having an aggregate Fair Market Value on the date of exercise equal to the aggregate Option Price;
  - (iii) if approved by the Committee in its discretion, by a "net exercise" arrangement pursuant to which the Company will reduce the number of Shares issued upon exercise by the largest whole number of Shares with a Fair Market Value that does not exceed the aggregate Exercise Price; provided, however, that the Company shall accept a cash or other payment from the Optionee to the extent of any remaining balance of the aggregate Exercise Price not satisfied by such reduction in the number of whole Shares to be issued; provided further, however, that Shares will no longer be outstanding under an Option and will not be exercisable thereafter to the extent that Shares are used to pay the Exercise Price pursuant to the "net exercise"; or
  - (iv) by any combination of such methods of payment or any other method acceptable to the Committee in its discretion, including delivery of a promissory note in a form satisfactory to the Committee.
- (b) The Committee may provide that no Option may be exercised with respect to any fractional Share. Any fractional Shares resulting from an Optionee's exercise that is accepted by the Company shall in the discretion of the Committee be paid in cash.

5.7. **Exercise for Cash**. The Committee, in its discretion, may also permit the Optionee to elect to exercise an Option by receiving a combination of Shares and cash, or, in the discretion of the Committee, either Shares or solely in cash, with an aggregate Fair Market Value (or, to the extent of payment in cash, in an amount) equal to the excess of the Fair Market Value of the Shares with respect to

which the Option is being exercised over the aggregate Exercise Price, as determined as of the day the Option is exercised.

5.8. **Exercise by Successors**. An Option may be exercised, and payment in full of the aggregate Exercise Price made, by the Successors of the Optionee only by written notice (in the form prescribed by the Committee) to the Company specifying the number of Shares to be purchased. Such notice shall state that the aggregate Exercise Price will be paid in full, or that the Option will be exercised as otherwise provided hereunder, in the discretion of the Company or the Committee, if and as applicable.

5.9. **Nontransferability of Option**. Each Option granted under the Plan shall be nontransferable by the Optionee except by will or the laws of descent and distribution of the state wherein the Optionee is domiciled at the time of his death; **provided**, **however**, **that** the Committee may permit other transfers where the Committee concludes that such transferability (i) does not result in accelerated U.S. federal income taxation, (ii) does not cause any Option intended to be an Incentive Share Option to fail to be described in Section 422(b) of the Code, and (iii) is otherwise appropriate and desirable.

5.10. **Deferral**. The Committee may establish a program (taking into account, without limitation, the possible application of Section 409A of the Code, as the Committee may deem appropriate) under which Participants will have Restricted Share Units subject to Section 8 credited upon their exercise of Options, rather than receiving Shares at that time.

#### 5.11. Certain Incentive Share Option Provisions.

- (a) The aggregate Fair Market Value, determined as of the date an Option is granted, of the Common Shares for which any Optionee may be awarded Incentive Share Options which are first exercisable by the Optionee during any calendar year under the Plan (or any other stock option plan required to be taken into account under Section 422(d) of the Code) shall not exceed \$100,000.
- (b) If Shares acquired upon exercise of an Incentive Share Option are disposed of in a disqualifying disposition within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code by an Optionee prior to the expiration of either two years from the date of grant of such Option or one year from the transfer of Shares to the Optionee pursuant to the exercise of such Option, or in any other disqualifying disposition within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code, such Optionee shall notify the Company in writing as soon as practicable thereafter of the date and terms of such disposition and, if the Company (or any affiliate thereof) thereupon has a tax-withholding obligation, shall pay to the Company (or such affiliate) an amount equal to any withholding tax the Company (or affiliate) is required to pay as a result of the disqualifying disposition.
- (c) The Exercise Price with respect to each Incentive Share Option shall not be less than 100%, or 110% in the case of an individual described in Section 422(b)(6) of the Code (relating to certain 10% owners), of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the day the Option is granted. In the case of an individual described in Section 422(b)(6) of the Code who is granted an Incentive Share Option, the term of such Option shall be no more than five years from the date of grant.

### 6. PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO SHARE APPRECIATION RIGHTS

6.1. **Grant of Share Appreciation Rights.** Subject to the other terms of the Plan, the Committee shall, in its discretion as reflected by the terms of the applicable Award Agreement: (i) determine and designate from time to time those Eligible Persons to whom Share Appreciation Rights are to be granted and the number of Shares subject to such Share Appreciation Rights for each Eligible Person; (ii) determine the time or times when and the manner and condition in which each Share Appreciation Right shall be exercisable and the duration of the exercise period; (iii) accelerate at any time the exercisability or vesting of all or any portion of any Share Appreciation Right pursuant to the Award Agreement at the time of grant or thereafter; and (iv) determine or impose other conditions to the grant or exercise of Share Appreciation Rights under the Plan as it may deem appropriate. Share Appreciation Rights may be granted by the Committee independently of any Option granted pursuant to Section 5 of the Plan.

6.2. **Exercise Price of Share Appreciation Rights.** The Exercise Price shall be determined by the Committee on the date the Share Appreciation Right is granted and reflected in the Award Agreement (as the same may be amended from time to time) and shall not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the day the Share Appreciation Right is granted. Subject to the foregoing, any particular Award Agreement may provide for different Exercise Prices for specified amounts of Shares subject to the Share Appreciation Right. Except as provided in Section 15, (i) the Exercise Price of an outstanding Share Appreciation Right may not be reduced, directly or indirectly by cancelation, regrant, or otherwise, without shareholder approval, and (ii) an outstanding Option with an Exercise Price in excess of the then Fair Market Value may not be cancelled for consideration payable in cash or equity securities of the Company without shareholder approval.

### 6.3. Period of Share Appreciation Right and Vesting.

(a) Unless earlier expired, forfeited, or otherwise terminated, each Share Appreciation Right shall expire in its entirety upon the 10th anniversary of the date of grant or on such other date (which may be earlier, but not later) as is set forth in the applicable Award Agreement at the time of grant or as determined thereafter by the Committee. The Share Appreciation Right shall also expire, be forfeited, and terminate at such times and in such circumstances as otherwise provided hereunder, under the Award Agreement at the time of grant, or as determined thereafter by the Committee. (b) Each Share Appreciation Right, to the extent that the Optionee has not had a Termination of Service and the Share Appreciation Right has not otherwise lapsed, expired, terminated, or been forfeited, shall first become exercisable according to the terms and conditions set forth in the Award Agreement at the time of grant or as determined thereafter by the Committee, which may include Performance Goals. Unless otherwise provided in the Award Agreement at the time of grant or determined thereafter by the Committee, no Share Appreciation Right (or portion thereof) shall ever be exercisable if the Share Appreciation Right has a Termination of Service before the time at which such Share Appreciation Right (or portion thereof) would otherwise have become exercisable, and any Share Appreciation Right that would otherwise become exercisable after such Termination of Service shall not become exercisable and shall be forfeited upon such termination. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 6.3(b), Share Appreciation Rights exercisable pursuant to the schedule set forth by the Committee at the time of grant may be fully or more rapidly exercisable or otherwise vested at any time in the discretion of the Committee. Upon and after the death of an Optionee, such Optionee's Share Appreciation Right(s), if and to the extent otherwise exercisable hereunder or under the applicable Award Agreement after the Optionee's death, may be exercised by the Successors of the Optionee.

#### 6.4. Exercisability of Share Appreciation Rights Upon and After Termination of Service of Optionee.

- (a) Subject to provisions set forth in the Award Agreement at the time of grant or as determined thereafter by the Committee, in the event the Optionee has a Termination of Service other than by the Company and/or its Subsidiaries for Cause, no exercise of a Share Appreciation Right may occur after the expiration of the three-month period to follow the termination, or if earlier, the expiration of the term of the Share Appreciation Right as provided under Section 6.3(a).
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, unless otherwise provided in the Award Agreement at the time of grant or determined thereafter by the Committee, if the Optionee has a Termination of Service by the Company for Cause, the Optionee's Share Appreciation Rights, to the extent then unexercised, shall thereupon cease to be exercisable and shall be forfeited forthwith.
- (c) Any Share Appreciation Right that is not exercisable at the time of the Termination of Service or is not exercised within the applicable time periods described in this Section 6.4 shall cease to be exercisable and shall be forfeited forthwith.

6.5. **Exercise of Share Appreciation Rights.** Subject to vesting, restrictions on exercisability, and other restrictions provided for hereunder or otherwise imposed in accordance herewith, a Share Appreciation Right may be exercised in whole or in part by an Optionee only by written notice (in the form prescribed by the Committee) to the Company specifying the number of Shares underlying the Share Appreciation Right that will be exercised.

6.6. **Exercise by Successors**. A Share Appreciation Right may be exercised, and payment in full of the aggregate Exercise Price made, by the Successors of the Optionee only by written notice (in the form prescribed by the Committee) to the Company specifying the number of Shares to be purchased.

6.7. **Nontransferability of Share Appreciation Right**. Each Share Appreciation Right granted under the Plan shall be nontransferable by the Optionee except by will or the laws of descent and distribution of the state wherein the Optionee is domiciled at the time of his death; **provided**, **however**, **that** the Committee may permit other transfers, where the Committee concludes that such transferability does not result in accelerated U.S. federal income taxation, and is otherwise appropriate and desirable.

6.8. **Deferral**. The Committee may establish a program (taking into account, without limitation, the possible application of Section 409A of the Code, as the Committee may deem appropriate) under which Participants will have Restricted Share Units subject to Section 8 credited upon their exercise of Share Appreciation Rights, rather than receiving Shares or a payment in cash at that time.

### 7. PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO RESTRICTED SHARES

# 7.1. Grant of Restricted Shares.

(a) In connection with the grant of Restricted Shares, whether or not Performance Goals apply thereto, the Committee shall establish one or more vesting periods with respect to the Restricted Shares granted, the length of which shall be determined in the discretion of the Committee. Subject to the provisions of this Section 7, the applicable Award Agreement, the other provisions of the Plan, and achievement of Performance Goals (if applicable), restrictions on Restricted Shares shall lapse if the Grantee satisfies all applicable employment or other service requirements through the end of the applicable vesting period as determined in the discretion of the Committee or its designee. (b) Subject to the other terms of the Plan, the Committee may, in its discretion as reflected by the terms of the applicable Award Agreement: (i) authorize the granting of Restricted Shares to Eligible Persons; (ii) provide a specified purchase price for the Restricted Shares (whether or not the payment of a purchase price is required by any state law applicable to the Company, **provided that** no Shares shall be issued for consideration which is less than is required by any state law applicable); (iii) determine the restrictions applicable to Restricted Shares; (iv) accelerate at any time vesting of all or any portion of any Restricted Share pursuant to the Award Agreement at the time of grant or thereafter; and (v) determine or impose other conditions, including any applicable Performance Goals, to the grant of Restricted Shares under the Plan as it may deem appropriate.

# 7.2. Certificates.

(a) Restricted Shares awarded under the Plan shall be represented in such form as the Committee may from time to time prescribe. In the event the Committee authorizes the issuance of share certificates, each such certificate shall be registered in the name of the Grantee. Without limiting the generality of Section 4.4, the certificates for Restricted Shares issued hereunder may include any legend which the Committee deems appropriate to reflect any restrictions on transfer hereunder or under the Award Agreement, or as the Committee may otherwise deem appropriate, and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, shall bear a legend referring to the terms, conditions, and restrictions applicable to such Award, substantially in the following form:

THE TRANSFERABILITY OF THIS CERTIFICATE AND THE SHARES REPRESENTED HEREBY ARE SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS (INCLUDING FORFEITURE) OF THE GLOBAL SELF STORAGE, INC. 2017 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN AND AN AWARD AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE REGISTERED OWNER AND GLOBAL SELF STORAGE, INC. COPIES OF SUCH PLAN AND AWARD AGREEMENT ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICES OF GLOBAL SELF STORAGE, INC., AT 11 HANOVER SQUARE, NEW YORK, NY 10005.

(b) The Committee shall require that any share certificates evidencing such Shares be held in custody by the Company until the restrictions hereunder shall have lapsed, and that, as a condition of any Award of Restricted Shares, the Grantee shall have delivered to the Company a share power, endorsed in blank, relating to the share covered by such Award. If and when such restrictions so lapse, the share certificates shall be delivered by the Company to the Grantee or his or her designee as provided in Section 7.3 (and the share power shall be so delivered or shall be discarded).

7.3. **Restrictions and Conditions**. Unless otherwise provided by the Committee, the Restricted Shares awarded pursuant to the Plan shall be subject to the following restrictions and conditions:

- (a) Subject to the provisions of the Plan and the Award Agreements, during a period commencing with the date of such Award and ending on the date the period of forfeiture with respect to such Shares lapses, the Grantee shall not be permitted voluntarily or involuntarily to sell, transfer, pledge, anticipate, alienate, encumber, or assign Restricted Shares awarded under the Plan (or have such Shares attached or garnished). Subject to the provisions of the Award Agreements and clauses (c) and (d) below, the period of forfeiture with respect to Shares granted hereunder shall lapse as provided in the applicable Award Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless otherwise expressly provided by the Committee, the period of forfeiture with respect to such Shares shall only lapse as to whole Shares.
- (b) Except as provided in the foregoing clause (a), below in this clause (b), or in Section 15, or otherwise provided in the Award Agreement, the Grantee shall have, in respect of the Restricted Shares, all of the rights of a shareholder of the Company, including the right to vote the Shares, and, except as provided below, the right to receive any cash dividends. Certificates for Shares (not subject to restrictions hereunder), if any, shall be delivered to the Grantee or his or her designee promptly after, and only after, the period of forfeiture shall lapse without forfeiture in respect of such Restricted Shares.
- (c) Except if otherwise provided in the applicable Award Agreement at the time of grant or as determined thereafter by the Committee, if the Grantee has a Termination of Service for any reason, during the applicable period of forfeiture, then (i) all Shares still subject to restriction shall thereupon, and with no further action, be forfeited by the Grantee, and (ii) the Company shall pay to the Grantee as soon as practicable (and in no event more than 30 days) after such termination an amount equal to the lesser of (x) the amount paid by the Grantee (if any) for such forfeited Restricted Shares as contemplated by Section 7.1, and (y) the Fair Market Value on the date of termination of the forfeited Restricted Shares.

# 8. **PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO RESTRICTED SHARE UNITS**

reflected by the terms of the applicable Award Agreement: (i) authorize the granting of Restricted Share Units to Eligible Persons; (ii) accelerate at any time vesting of all or any portion of any Restricted Share Unit pursuant to the Award Agreement at the time of grant or thereafter; and (iii) determine or impose other conditions to the grant of Restricted Share Units under the Plan as it may deem appropriate, including whether Performance Goals (as provided for under Section 11) apply thereto.

8.2. **Term**. The Committee may provide in an Award Agreement that any particular Restricted Share Unit shall expire at the end of a specified term.

8.3. **Vesting**. Restricted Share Units shall vest as provided in the applicable Award Agreement.

#### 8.4. Settlement of Restricted Share Units.

- (a) Each vested and outstanding Restricted Share Unit shall be settled by the transfer to the Grantee of one Share; **provided that**, at the time of grant or thereafter, the Committee may provide that a Restricted Share Unit may be settled in (i) cash at the applicable Restricted Share Unit Value, (ii) cash or by transfer of Shares as elected by the Grantee in accordance with procedures established by the Committee, or (iii) cash or by transfer of Shares as elected by the Company.
- (b) Restricted Share Units shall be settled with a single payment or transfer by the Company on the Settlement Date.
- (c) Unless otherwise provided in the applicable Award Agreement, the " Settlement Date" with respect to a Restricted Share Unit is as soon as practicable after (but not later than the first day of the month to follow) the Restricted Share Unit Vesting Date. The "Restricted Share Unit Vesting Date" is the date on which the Restricted Share Unit vests.

### 8.5. Other Restricted Share Unit Provisions.

- (a) Rights to payments with respect to Restricted Share Units granted under the Plan shall not be subject in any manner to anticipation, alienation, sale, transfer, assignment, pledge, encumbrance, attachment, garnishment, levy, execution, or other legal or equitable process, either voluntary or involuntary; and any attempt to anticipate, alienate, sell, transfer, assign, pledge, encumber, attach or garnish, or levy or execute on any right to payments or other benefits payable hereunder, shall be void.
- (b) A Grantee may designate in writing, on forms to be prescribed by the Committee, a beneficiary or beneficiaries to receive any payments payable after his or her death and may amend or revoke such designation at any time. If no beneficiary designation is in effect at the time of a Grantee's death, payments hereunder shall be made to the Grantee's estate. If a Grantee with a vested Restricted Share Unit dies, such Restricted Share Unit shall be settled and the Restricted Share Unit Value in respect of such Restricted Share Units paid shall be accelerated and paid.
- (c) The Committee may establish a program (taking into account, without limitation, the possible application of Section 409A of the Code, as the Committee may deem appropriate) under which distributions with respect to Restricted Share Units may be deferred. Such program may include, without limitation, provisions for the crediting of earnings and losses on unpaid amounts, and, if permitted by the Committee, provisions under which Participants may select from among hypothetical investment alternatives for such deferred amounts in accordance with procedures established by the Committee.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 8, any fractional Restricted Share Unit will be paid out in cash at the Restricted Share Unit Value as of the Restricted Share Unit Vesting Date.
- (e) No Restricted Share Unit shall be construed to give any Grantee any rights with respect to Shares or any ownership interest in the Company. Except as may be provided in accordance with Section 9, no provision of the Plan shall be interpreted to confer upon any Grantee any voting, dividend or derivative, or other similar rights with respect to any Restricted Share Unit.

9.1. **Grant of Dividend Equivalent Rights**. Subject to the other terms of the Plan, the Committee may, in its discretion, authorize the granting of Dividend Equivalent Rights to Eligible Persons based on the regular cash dividends declared on Common Shares, to be credited as of the dividend payment dates, during the period between the date a Dividend Equivalent Right is granted, and the date such a Dividend Equivalent Right vests or expires, as determined by the Committee. Such Dividend Equivalent Rights shall be converted to cash or additional Shares by such formula and at such time and subject to such limitation as may be determined by the Committee. With respect to Dividend Equivalent Rights granted with respect to Options or Share Appreciation Rights, such Dividend Equivalent Right is granted in respect of another Award hereunder, then, unless otherwise stated in the Award Agreement, in no event shall the Dividend Equivalent Right be in effect for a period beyond the time during which the applicable portion of the underlying Award is in effect.

# 9.2. Certain Terms.

- (a) The term of a Dividend Equivalent Right shall be set by the Committee in its discretion.
- (b) Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, except as contemplated by Section 9.4, a Dividend Equivalent Right is payable only while the Participant is an Eligible Person.
- (c) Payment of the amount determined in accordance with Section 9.1 shall be in cash, in Common Shares, or a combination of the both, as determined by the Committee.
- (d) The Committee may impose such employment-related conditions on the grant of a Dividend Equivalent Right as it deems appropriate in its discretion.
- (e) A Dividend Equivalent Right granted with respect to a Qualified Performance-Based Award may not be payable unless and until the Performance Goals have been achieved.

9.3. **Other Types of Dividend Equivalent Rights**. The Committee may establish a program under which Dividend Equivalent Rights of a type whether or not described in the foregoing provisions of this Section 9 may be granted to Participants. For example, and without limitation, the Committee may grant a dividend equivalent right with respect to a Restricted Share Unit, which right would consist of the right (subject to Section 9.4) to receive a cash payment in an amount equal to the dividend distributions paid on a Share from time to time.

9.4. **Deferral**. The Committee may establish a program (taking into account, without limitation, the possible application of Section 409A of the Code, as the Committee may deem appropriate) under which Participants (i) will have Restricted Share Units credited, upon the granting of Dividend Equivalent Rights, or (ii) will have payments with respect to Dividend Equivalent Rights deferred. In the case of the foregoing clause (ii), such program may include, without limitation, provisions for the crediting of earnings and losses on unpaid amounts, and, if permitted by the Committee, provisions under which Participants may select from among hypothetical investment alternatives for such deferred amounts in accordance with procedures established by the Committee.

#### 10. OTHER EQUITY-BASED AWARDS

The Board shall have the right to grant other Awards based upon the Common Shares having such terms and conditions as the Board may determine.

### 11. PERFORMANCE GOALS

11.1. The Committee, in its discretion, (i) may establish one or more Performance Goals as a precondition to the issuance or vesting of Awards, and (ii) may provide, in connection with the establishment of the Performance Goals, for predetermined Awards to those Participants (who continue to meet all applicable eligibility requirements) with respect to whom the applicable Performance Goals are satisfied. Except with respect to Qualified Performance-Based Awards, the Committee may determine that satisfaction of the Performance Goals will be in its discretion.

#### 11.2. Performance-Based Awards to Covered 162(m) Employees.

(a) In the case of any grant to a Covered 162(m) Employee intended to qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code (including, for these purposes, grants constituting performance-based compensation, as determined without regard to certain shareholder approval and disclosure requirements by virtue of an applicable transition rule) (a "Qualified Performance-Based Award"), the Committee shall define in a reasonably

objective fashion the manner of calculating the Performance Criteria it selects to use for any Performance Cycle and this Plan shall be interpreted and operated consistent with that intention. Depending on the Performance Criteria used to establish such Performance Goals, the Performance Goals may be expressed in terms of overall Company performance or the performance of a division, business unit, or Participant.

- (b) The Committee may designate any Award as a Qualified Performance-Based Award upon grant, in each case based upon a determination that (i) the Grantee is or may be a Covered 162(m) Employee with respect to such Award, and (ii) the Committee wishes such Award to qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code. The provisions of this Section 11.2 shall apply to all such Qualified Performance-Based Awards, notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan other than Section 15. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Section 11.2 to the contrary, Options and Share Appreciation Rights need not satisfy the specific Performance Criteria described in this Section 11.2 in order to qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code.
- (c) Each Qualified Performance-Based Award (other than an Option or Share Appreciation Right) shall be earned, vested, and payable (as applicable) only upon the achievement of one or more Performance Goals, which shall be based upon the Performance Criteria, together with the satisfaction of any other conditions, such as continued employment, as the Committee may determine to be appropriate; provided that (i) the Committee may provide, either in connection with the grant thereof or by amendment thereafter, that achievement of such Performance Goals will be waived upon the death or Disability of the Grantee, and (ii) the provisions of Section 15 shall apply notwithstanding this sentence.
- (d) The Committee, in its discretion, may adjust or modify the calculation of Performance Goals for such Performance Cycle in order to prevent the dilution or enlargement of the rights of a Participant (i) in the event of, or in anticipation of, a Change in Control or any unusual or extraordinary corporate item, transaction, event, or development, (ii) in recognition of, or in anticipation of, any other unusual or nonrecurring events affecting the Company, or the financial statements of the Company, or (iii) in response to, or in anticipation of, changes in applicable laws, regulations, accounting principles, or business conditions.
- (e) With respect to each Qualified Performance-Based Award, the Committee shall select, within the first 90 days of a Performance Cycle (or, if shorter, within the maximum period allowed under Section 162(m) of the Code) the Performance Criteria for such grant, and the Performance Goals with respect to each Performance Criterion (including a threshold level of performance below which no amount will become payable with respect to such Award). Each Qualified Performance-Based Award will specify the amount payable, or the formula for determining the amount payable, upon achievement of the various applicable performance targets. The Performance Criteria established by the Committee may be (but need not be) different for each Performance Cycle and different Performance Goals may be applicable to Qualified Performance-Based Awards to different Covered 162(m) Employees.
- (f) Following the completion of a Performance Cycle, the Committee shall meet to review and certify in writing or by resolution whether, and to what extent, the Performance Goals for the Performance Cycle have been achieved and, if so, to calculate and certify in writing or by resolution the amount of the Qualified Performance-Based Award earned for the Performance Cycle. The Committee shall then determine the actual size of each Covered 162(m) Employee's Qualified Performance-Based Award, and, in doing so, may reduce or eliminate the amount of the Qualified Performance-Based Award for a Covered 162(m) Employee if, in its sole judgment, such reduction or elimination is appropriate.
- (g) The maximum number of Shares payable to any one Covered 162(m) Employee under the Plan each year is one million Shares (subject to adjustment as provided in Section 15 hereof) or \$10,000,000 in the case of Awards settled in cash.

# 12. TAX WITHHOLDING

12.1. **In General.** The Company shall be entitled to withhold from any payments or deemed payments any amount of tax withholding determined by the Committee to be required by law. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Committee may, in its discretion, require the Participant to pay to the Company at such time as the Committee determines the amount that the Committee deems necessary to satisfy the Company's obligation to withhold federal, state, or local income or other taxes incurred by reason of (i) the exercise of any Option or Share Appreciation Right, (ii) the lapsing of any restrictions applicable to any Restricted Shares, (iii) the receipt of a distribution in respect of Restricted Share Units or Dividend Equivalent Rights, or (iv) any other applicable income-recognition event (for example, an election under Section 83(b) of the Code).

### 12.2. Share Withholding.

- (a) Upon exercise of an Option or Share Appreciation Right, the Optionee may, if approved by the Committee in its discretion, make a written election to have Shares then issued withheld by the Company from the Shares otherwise to be received, or to deliver previously owned Shares, in order to satisfy the minimum required employer withholding liability for such withholding taxes. In the event that the Committee permits, and the Optionee makes, such an election, the number of Shares so withheld or delivered shall have an aggregate Fair Market Value on the date of exercise sufficient to satisfy the applicable withholding taxes. Where the exercise of an Option or Share Appreciation Right does not give rise to an obligation by the Company to withhold federal, state, or local income or other taxes on the date of exercise, but may give rise to such an obligation in the future, the Committee may, in its discretion, make such arrangements and impose such requirements as it deems necessary or appropriate.
- (b) Upon lapsing of restrictions on Restricted Shares (or other income-recognition event), the Grantee may, if approved by the Committee in its discretion, make a written election to have Shares withheld by the Company from the Shares otherwise to be released from restriction, or to deliver previously owned Shares (not subject to restrictions hereunder), in order to satisfy the minimum required employer withholding liability for such withholding taxes. In the event that the Committee permits, and the Grantee makes, such an election, the number of Shares so withheld or delivered shall have an aggregate Fair Market Value on the date of the lapsing of restrictions (or other income-recognition event) sufficient to satisfy the applicable withholding taxes.
- (c) Upon the making of a distribution in respect of Restricted Share Units or Dividend Equivalent Rights, the Grantee may, if approved by the Committee in its discretion, make a written election to have amounts (which may include Shares) withheld by the Company from the distribution otherwise to be made, or to deliver previously owned Shares (not subject to restrictions hereunder), in order to satisfy the minimum required employer withholding liability for such withholding taxes. In the event that the Committee permits, and the Grantee makes, such an election, any Shares so withheld or delivered shall have an aggregate Fair Market Value on the date of the distribution (or other incomerecognition event) sufficient to satisfy the applicable withholding taxes.
- (d) Upon the occurrence of any other income-recognition event with respect to an Award granted under the Plan that occurs upon or concurrently with the issuance or vesting of, or lapsing of restrictions on, Common Shares, the Grantee may, if approved by the Committee in its discretion, make a written election to have Shares withheld by the Company from the Shares otherwise to be issued, vested, or released from restriction, or to deliver previously owned Shares (not subject to restrictions hereunder), in order to satisfy the minimum required employer withholding liability for the withholding taxes. In the event that the Committee permits, and the Grantee makes, such an election, the number of Shares so withheld or delivered shall have an aggregate Fair Market Value on the date of such income-recognition event sufficient to satisfy the applicable withholding taxes.
- (e) For purposes of determining the number of Shares to be withheld or delivered to satisfy the applicable minimum required employer withholding taxes pursuant to this Section 12.2 of the Plan, the Fair Market Value of the Shares shall be calculated in the same manner as the Shares are valued for purposes of determining the amount of withholding taxes due.

12.3. **Withholding Required**. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan or the Award Agreement to the contrary, the Participant's satisfaction of any tax-withholding requirements imposed by the Committee shall be a condition precedent to the Company's obligation as may otherwise be provided hereunder to provide Shares to the Participant and to the release of any restrictions as may otherwise be provided hereunder, as applicable; and the applicable Option, Share Appreciation Right, Restricted Share, Restricted Share Units, Dividend Equivalent Right, or other Award shall be forfeited upon the failure of the Participant to satisfy such requirements with respect to, as applicable, (i) the exercise of the Option or Share Appreciation Right, (ii) the lapsing of restrictions on the Restricted Shares (or other income-recognition event), (iii) distributions in respect of any Restricted Share Unit or Dividend Equivalent Right, or (iv) any other income-recognition event with respect an Award granted under the Plan.

### 13. REGULATIONS AND APPROVALS

13.1. The obligation of the Company to sell Shares with respect to an Award granted under the Plan shall be subject to all applicable laws, rules, and regulations, including all applicable federal and state securities laws, and the obtaining of all such approvals by governmental agencies as may be deemed necessary or appropriate by the Committee.

13.2. The Committee may make such changes to the Plan as may be necessary or appropriate to comply with the rules and regulations of any government authority or to obtain tax benefits applicable to an Award.

13.3. Each grant of Options, Share Appreciation Rights, Restricted Shares, Restricted Share Units (or issuance of Shares in respect thereof), or Dividend Equivalent Rights (or issuance of Shares in respect thereof), or other Award under Section 10 (or issuance of Shares in respect thereof), is subject to the requirement that, if at any time the Committee determines, in its discretion, that the listing, registration, or qualification of Shares issuable pursuant to the Plan is required by any securities exchange or under any state or federal law,

or the consent or approval of any governmental regulatory body is necessary or desirable as a condition of, or in connection with, the issuance of Options, Share Appreciation Rights, Restricted Shares, Restricted Share Units, Dividend Equivalent Rights, other Awards, or other Shares, no payment shall be made, or Restricted Share Units or Shares issued or grant of Restricted Shares or other Award made, in whole or in part, unless listing, registration, qualification, consent, or approval has been effected or obtained free of any conditions in a manner reasonably acceptable to the Committee.

13.4. In the event that the disposition of Shares acquired pursuant to the Plan is not covered by a then current registration statement under the Securities Act, and is not otherwise exempt from such registration, such Shares shall be restricted against transfer to the extent required under the Securities Act, and the Committee may require any individual receiving Shares pursuant to the Plan, as a condition precedent to receipt of such Shares, to represent to the Company in writing that such Shares are acquired for investment only and not with a view to distribution and that such Shares will be disposed of only if registered for sale under the Securities Act or if there is an available exemption for such disposition.

13.5. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, the Company shall not be required to take or permit any action under the Plan or any Award Agreement which, in the good-faith determination of the Company, would result in a material risk of a violation by the Company of Section 13(k) of the Exchange Act.

#### 14. INTERPRETATION AND AMENDMENTS; OTHER RULES

The Committee may make such rules and regulations and establish such procedures for the administration of the Plan as it deems appropriate. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Committee may (i) determine the extent, if any, to which Options, Share Appreciation Rights, Restricted Share Units or Shares (whether or not Restricted Shares), or Dividend Equivalent Rights shall be forfeited (whether or not such forfeiture is expressly contemplated hereunder); (ii) interpret the Plan and the Award Agreements hereunder, with such interpretations to be conclusive and binding on all persons and otherwise accorded the maximum deference permitted by law; and (iii) take any other actions and make any other determinations or decisions that it deems necessary or appropriate in connection with the Plan or the administration or interpretation thereof. In the event of any dispute or disagreement as to the interpretation of the Plan or of any rule, regulation, or procedure, or as to any question, right, or obligation arising from or related to the Plan, the decision of the Committee shall be final and binding upon all persons. Unless otherwise expressly provided hereunder, the Committee, with respect to any grant, may exercise its discretion hereunder at the time of the Award or thereafter. The Board may amend the Plan as it shall deem advisable, except that no amendment may materially and adversely affect a Participant with respect to an Award previously granted without such Participant's consent unless such amendments are required in order to comply with applicable laws; provided, however, that the Plan may not be amended without shareholder approval in any case in which amendment in the absence of shareholder approval would cause the Plan to fail to comply with any applicable legal requirement or applicable exchange or similar rule. Except as provided in Section 15, (i) the Exercise Price of an outstanding Option or Share Appreciation Right may not be reduced, directly, or indirectly by cancelation, regrant, or otherwise, without shareholder approval, and (ii) an outstanding Option or Share Appreciation Right with an Exercise Price in excess of the then Fair Market Value may not be cancelled for consideration payable in cash or equity securities of the Company without shareholder approval. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, in the event that the Committee determines that any Award may be subject to Section 409A, the Committee may adopt such amendment to the Plan and the applicable Award Agreement or adopt other policies and procedures (including amendments, policies, and procedures with retroactive effect), or take any other actions that the Committee determines are necessary or appropriate, without the consent of the Participant, to (1) exempt the Award from Section 409A and/or preserve the intended tax treatment of the benefits provided with respect to the Award or (2) comply with the requirements of Section 409A.

### 15. CHANGES IN CAPITAL STRUCTURE

15.1. If (i) the Company and/or its Subsidiaries shall at any time be involved in a merger, consolidation, dissolution, liquidation, reorganization, exchange of shares, sale of all or substantially all of the assets or shares of the Company and/or its Subsidiaries, or a transaction similar thereto, (ii) any share dividend, share split, reverse share split, share combination, reclassification, recapitalization, or other similar change in the capital structure of the Company or its Subsidiaries, or any distribution to holders of Common Shares other than cash dividends, shall occur, or (iii) any other event shall occur which in the judgment of the Committee necessitates action by way of adjusting the terms of the outstanding Awards, then:

- (a) the Committee may appropriately adjust (i) the maximum aggregate number of Shares which may be made subject to Options (including Incentive Share Options), Share Appreciation Rights, and Dividend Equivalent Rights under the Plan, the maximum aggregate number and kind of Restricted Shares that may be granted under the Plan, and the maximum aggregate number of Restricted Share Units and other Awards which may be granted under the Plan; (ii) the maximum number of Options (including Incentive Share Options), Share Appreciation Rights, and Dividend Equivalent Rights that may be granted to an individual Participant under the Plan, the maximum number of Restricted Shares that may be granted to an individual Participant under the Plan, and the maximum number of Restricted Share Units and other Awards which may be granted to an individual Participant under the Plan; and (iii) the number and kind of Shares or other securities subject to any then outstanding Awards under the Plan; and
- (b) the Committee may take any such action as in its discretion shall be necessary to maintain each Participants' rights hereunder (including under their Award Agreements) with respect to Options, Share Appreciation Rights, Restricted Share Units, and Dividend Equivalent Rights (and, as appropriate, other Awards under Section 10), so that they are substantially proportionate to the rights existing in such Options, Share Appreciation Rights, Restricted Share

Units, and Dividend Equivalent Rights (and other Awards under Section 10) prior to such event, including, without limitation, adjustments in (i) the number of Options, Share Appreciation Rights, Restricted Share Units, and Dividend Equivalent Rights (and other Awards under Section 10) granted, (ii) the number and kind of shares or other property to be distributed in respect of Options, Share Appreciation Rights. Restricted Share Units, and Dividend Equivalent Rights (and other Awards under Section 10 as applicable), (iii) the Exercise Price and Restricted Share Unit Value, (iv) the repurchase price, if any, per Share subject to each outstanding Restricted Share, (v) the per-person limits under the Plan, and (vi) Performance Criteria established in connection with Awards; **provided that**, in the discretion of the Committee, the foregoing clause (vi) may also be applied in the case of any event relating to a Subsidiary if the event would have been covered under this Section 15.1 had the event related to the Company.

To the extent that such action shall include an increase or decrease in the number of Shares (or units of other property then available) subject to all outstanding Awards, the number of Shares (or units) available under Section 4 shall be increased or decreased, as the case may be, proportionately, as may be determined by the Committee in its discretion.

15.2. Any Shares or other securities distributed to a Grantee with respect to Restricted Shares or otherwise issued in substitution of Restricted Shares shall be subject to the restrictions and requirements imposed by Section 7, including depositing the certificates (if any) therefor with the Company together with a share power and bearing a legend as provided in Section 7.2(a).

15.3. If the Company shall be consolidated or merged with another corporation or other entity, each Grantee who has received Restricted Shares that is then subject to restrictions imposed by Section 7.3(a) may be required to deposit with the successor corporation the certificates, if any, for the shares or securities or the other property that the Grantee is entitled to receive by reason of ownership of Restricted Shares in a manner consistent with Section 7.2(b), and such shares, securities, or other property shall become subject to the restrictions and requirements imposed by Section 7.3(a), and the certificates therefor or other evidence thereof shall bear a legend similar in form and substance to the legend set forth in Section 7.2(a).

15.4. If a Change in Control shall occur, then the Committee may, in its sole discretion, take one or more of the following actions with respect to all or some outstanding Awards:

- (a) Provide that all (or some) outstanding Options and Share Appreciation Rights that are not exercisable immediately prior to the effective time of the Change in Control or thereafter with respect to any time-based vesting conditions or restrictions; and/or (ii) all outstanding Options and Share Appreciation Rights that are not exercisable immediately prior to the effective time of the Change in Control or thereafter with respect to any time-based vesting conditions or restrictions; time of the Change in Control shall become exercisable as of the effective time of the Change in Control shall become exercisable as of the effective time of the Change in Control or thereafter with respect to any Performance Goals (A) at target levels, (B) based on actual performance achieved as of the Change in Control or thereafter, or (C) at the greater or lesser of target levels or actual performance achieved as of the Change in Control or thereafter, and, in the case of clauses (A), (B), and (C), either (x) based on the full Performance Cycle or (y) pro-rata based on the time that has elapsed in the applicable Performance Cycle as of the Change in Control or thereafter;
- (b) Provide that all (or some) outstanding Awards (other than Options and Share Appreciation Rights) shall (i) become fully or partially vested and nonforfeitable with respect to any time-based vesting conditions or restrictions; and/or (ii) become vested and nonforfeitable with respect to any Performance Goals (A) at target levels, (B) based on actual performance achieved as of the Change in Control or thereafter, or (C) at the greater or lesser of target levels or actual performance achieved as of the Change in Control or thereafter, and, in the case of clauses (A), (B), and (C), either (x) based on the full Performance Cycle or (y) pro-rata based on the time that has elapsed in the applicable Performance Cycle as of the Change in Control or thereafter;
- (c) Make or provide for a cash payment to the Optionee holding an Option or Share Appreciation Right, in exchange for the cancellation thereof, in an amount equal to the difference, if any, between (A) the consideration received by the shareholders of the Company in connection with the Change in Control multiplied by the number of Shares subject to such Option or Share Appreciation Right (to the extent then exercisable (after taking into account any acceleration under this Section 15 or the applicable Award Agreement)) and (B) the aggregate Exercise Price for the Shares that would be issued pursuant to the exercise of such Option or Share Appreciation Right;
- (d) Permit the Optionee, within a specified period of time prior to the consummation of the Change in Control, as determined by the Committee, to exercise such Option or Share Appreciation Right as of, and subject to, the consummation of such Change in Control (to the extent such Option or Share Appreciation Right would be exercisable as of the consummation of such Change in Control (after taking into account any acceleration under this Section 15 or the applicable Award Agreement));

- (f) Provide for the substitution of outstanding Awards with new Awards of the successor entity or parent thereof, with appropriate adjustment as to the number and kind of shares and, if appropriate, the applicable Exercise Price; or
- (g) Make such adjustments as it, in its discretion, determines are necessary or appropriate in light of the Change in Control, **provided that** the Committee determines that such adjustments do not have a material and adverse economic impact on the Participant as determined at the time of the adjustments.

15.5. Any adjustment made pursuant to this Section 15 applicable to Qualified Performance-Based Awards shall be consistent with the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Code (unless the Committee determines that such Qualified Performance-Based Award shall not longer be qualified performance-based compensation for purposes of Section 162(m) of the Code).

15.6. The judgment of the Committee with respect to any matter referred to in this Section 15 shall be conclusive and binding upon each Participant without the need for any amendment to the Plan.

# 16. MISCELLANEOUS

16.1. **No Rights to Employment or Other Service**. Nothing in the Plan or in any grant made pursuant to the Plan shall confer on any individual any right to continue in the employ or other service of the Company and/or its Subsidiaries or interfere in any way with the right of the Company and/or its Subsidiaries and its shareholders to terminate the individual's employment or other service at any time.

16.2. **Right of First Refusal; Right of Repurchase**. At the time of grant, the Committee may provide in connection with any grant made under the Plan that Shares received hereunder shall be subject to a right of first refusal pursuant to which the Company shall be entitled to purchase such Shares in the event of a prospective sale of the Shares, subject to such terms and conditions as the Committee may specify at the time of grant or (if permitted by the Award Agreement) thereafter, and to a right of repurchase, pursuant to which the Company shall be entitled to purchase such Shares at a price determined by, or under a formula set by, the Committee at the time of grant or (if permitted by the Award Agreement) thereafter.

16.3. **No Fiduciary Relationship**. Nothing contained in the Plan (including without limitation Sections 8.5(c) and 9.4), and no action taken pursuant to the provisions of the Plan, shall create or shall be construed to create a trust of any kind, or a fiduciary relationship between the Company and/or its Subsidiaries, or their officers or the Committee, on the one hand, and the Participant, the Company, its Subsidiaries, or any other person or entity, on the other. No Participant or any Eligible Person shall have any claim to be granted any Award under the Plan. Neither the Company, its Affiliates, nor the Committee is obligated to treat Participants or Eligible Persons uniformly, and determinations made under the Plan may be made by the Committee selectively among Eligible Person who receive, or are eligible to receive, Awards (whether or not such Eligible Persons are similarly situated).

16.4. **No Fund Created.** Any and all payments hereunder to any Participant under the Plan shall be made from the general funds of the Company (or, if applicable, a Subsidiary), no special or separate fund shall be established or other segregation of assets made to assure such payments, and the Restricted Share Units and any other similar devices issued hereunder to account for Plan obligations do not constitute Common Shares and shall not be treated as (or as giving rise to) property or as a trust fund of any kind; **provided, however**, **that** the Company may establish a mere bookkeeping reserve to meet its obligations hereunder or a trust or other funding vehicle that would not cause the Plan to be deemed to be funded for tax purposes or for purposes of Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended. The obligations of the Company under the Plan are unsecured and constitute a mere promise by the Company to make benefit payments in the future and, to the extent that any person acquires a right to receive payments under the Plan from the Company, such right shall be no greater than the right of a general unsecured creditor of the Company. (If any affiliate of the Company is or is made responsible with respect to any Awards, the foregoing sentence shall apply with respect to such affiliate.) Without limiting the foregoing, Restricted Share Units and any other similar devices issued hereunder to account for Plan obligations are solely a device for the measurement and determination of the amounts to be paid to a Grantee under the Plan, and each Grantee's right in the Restricted Share Units and any other similar devices issued hereunder to provided.

16.5. **Notices.** All notices under the Plan shall be in writing, and if to the Company, shall be delivered to the Board or its designee by electronic mail or mailed to its principal office, addressed to the attention of the Board; and if to the Participant, shall be delivered personally by electronic mail, sent by facsimile transmission, or mailed to the Participant at the address appearing in the records of the Company. Such addresses may be changed at any time by written notice to the other party given in accordance with this Section 16.5.

16.6. **Exculpation and Indemnification**. No member of the Board or the Committee shall be liable for any act or omission to act in connection with the performance of such person's duties, responsibilities and obligations under the Plan, including any exercise of discretion, except to the extent required by law. The Company shall indemnify and hold harmless the members of the Board and the members of the Committee from and against any and all liabilities, costs, and expenses incurred by such persons as a result of any act or omission to act in connection with the performance of such person's duties, responsibilities, and obligations under the Plan, to the maximum extent permitted by law.

16.7. **Captions**. The use of captions in this Plan is for convenience. The captions are not intended to provide substantive rights.

16.8.

#### THE STATE OF MARYLAND WITHOUT REFERENCE TO PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICT OF LAWS.

#### 16.9. Section 409A.

- (a) Awards granted under the Plan are intended to be exempt from Section 409A. To the extent that the Plan or any Award is not exempt from the requirements of Section 409A, the Plan or such Award is intended to comply with the requirements of Section 409A and shall be limited, construed, and interpreted in accordance with such intent. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event whatsoever shall the Company be liable for any additional tax, interest or penalty that may be imposed on a Participant by Section 409A or any damages for failing to comply with Section 409A.
- (b) Notwithstanding anything in the Plan or in any Award Agreement to the contrary, to the extent that any amount or benefit that would constitute non-exempt "deferred compensation" for purposes of Section 409A would otherwise be payable or distributable, or a different form of payment (*e.g.*, lump sum or installment) would be effected, under the Plan or any Award Agreement by reason of the occurrence of a Change in Control, or the Participant's Disability or Termination of Service, such amount or benefit will not be payable or distributable to the Participant, and/or such different form of payment will not be effected, by reason of such circumstance unless the circumstances giving rise to such Change in Control, Disability, or Termination of Service," as applicable, in Section 409A (without giving effect to any elective provisions that may be available under such definition). This provision does not prohibit the vesting of any Award upon a Change in Control, Disability, or Termination of Service, however defined. If this provision prevents the payment or distribution of a different form of payment of any amount or benefit, such payment or distribution shall be made at the time and in the form that would have applied absent the Change in Control, Disability, or Termination.
- (c) If any one or more Awards granted under the Plan to a Participant could qualify for any separation pay exemption described in Treas. Reg. Section 1.409A-1(b)(9), but such Awards in the aggregate exceed the dollar limit permitted for the separation pay exemptions, the Committee shall determine which Awards or portions thereof will be subject to such exemptions.
- (d) Notwithstanding anything in the Plan or in any Award Agreement to the contrary, if any amount or benefit that would constitute non-exempt "deferred compensation" for purposes of Section 409A would otherwise be payable or distributable under this Plan or any Award Agreement by reason of a Participant's Termination of Service during a period in which the Participant is a Specified Employee, then, subject to any permissible acceleration of payment by the Committee under Treas. Reg. Section 1.409A-3(j)(4)(ii) (domestic relations order), (j) (4)(iii) (conflicts of interest), or (j)(4)(vi) (payment of employment taxes): (i) the amount of such non-exempt deferred compensation that would otherwise be payable during the six-month period immediately following the Participant's Termination of Service will be accumulated through and paid or provided on the first day of the seventh month following the Participant's Termination of Service (or, if the Participant dies during such period, within 30 days after the Participant's death); and (ii) the normal payment or distribution schedule for any remaining payments or distributions will resume at the end of such delay period.
- (e) If, pursuant to an Award, a Participant is entitled to a series of installment payments, such Participant's right to the "series of installment payments" (as described in Treas. Reg. Section 1.409A-2(b)(2)(iii)) shall be treated as a right to a series of separate payments and not to a single payment.

16.10. **Severability**. If any provision of this Plan is held to be illegal or invalid for any reason, that illegality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions of this Plan, but such provision shall be fully severable and this Plan shall be construed and enforced as if the illegal or invalid provision had never been included in this Plan. Such an illegal or invalid provision shall be replaced by a revised provision that most nearly comports to the substance of the illegal or invalid provision. If any of the terms or provisions of this Plan or any Award Agreement conflict with the requirements of all applicable laws and regulations, those conflicting terms or provisions shall be deemed inoperative to the extent they conflict with any applicable laws or regulations.

16.11. **Transferability**. Each Award granted under the Plan shall be nontransferable by the Grantee except by will or the laws of descent and distribution of the State wherein the Grantee or Optionee is domiciled at the time of his death; **provided**, **however**, **that** the Committee may permit other transfers, where the Committee concludes that such transferability (i) does not result in accelerated U.S. federal income taxation, and (ii) is otherwise appropriate and desirable.

16.12. **Trading Restrictions**. All Shares issuable under the Plan are subject to any stop-transfer orders and other restrictions as the Committee deems necessary or advisable to comply with federal or state securities laws, rules, and regulations and the rules of any national securities exchange or automated quotation system on which the Common Shares are listed, quoted, or traded. The Committee may place legends on any Share certificate or issue instructions to the transfer agent to reference restrictions applicable to the Shares.

16.13. **Clawback**. Notwithstanding any provisions in this Plan or any Award Agreement to the contrary, to the extent

required by (i) applicable law, including, without limitation, the requirements of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, and/or (ii) any policy that may be adopted by the Company, amounts paid or payable pursuant to this Plan or any Award Agreement shall be subject to clawback to the extent necessary to comply with such law(s) and/or policy, which clawback may include forfeiture of Awards and/or repayment of amounts paid or payable pursuant to this Plan or any Award Agreement.

16.14. **Other Benefits**. No payment or benefit under the Plan shall be taken into account in determining any benefits under any pension, retirement, savings, profit sharing, group insurance, welfare, or benefit plan of the Company or its Subsidiaries or other affiliates unless provided otherwise in such other plan. Nothing contained in the Plan will prevent the Company from adopting other or additional compensation arrangements, subject to stockholder approval if such approval is required; and such arrangements may be either generally applicable or applicable only in specific cases.

16.15. The grant of any Award shall not in any way affect the right or power of the Company to make adjustments, reclassification, or changes in its capital or business structure or to merge, consolidate, dissolve, liquidate, sell, or transfer all or any part of its business or assets. The Plan shall not restrict the authority of the Company, for proper corporate purposes, to assume, continue, or substitute awards, other than under the Plan, to or with respect to any person. If the Committee so directs, the Company may issue or transfer Shares to a Subsidiary or affiliate, for such lawful consideration as the Committee may specify, upon the condition or understanding that the Subsidiary or affiliate will transfer such Shares to a Participant in accordance with the terms of an Award granted to such Participant and specified by the Committee pursuant to the provisions of the Plan.